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敵襲!!
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です!!

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異世界転生時に、くじ引きで
あらゆる能力が777倍になるスキル
を手に入れた最強無敵の男。



…あ、
あの。
ご主人様？

今夜はわたしがおねだりです。

ミウ
カケルの
もふもふメイド。



だしゅっ

おがーちゃん、
なんがドット♡

エレノア&ひかり
普段は魔剣の姿をしている親子。
くじ引き所では揃って人の姿になれる。
今回エレノアの姿が…?

CHAPTER 148

THE DEMON SWORD WIELDER'S EXPRESS HOME DELIVERY

The next day.

In the place we're staying in Malonei, Delfina Merchant Company's building.

In Delfina's room, she is working at her desk from the morning.

And I am watching that on a sofa a few distance away.

"What a good woman"

[I'd really like to ask your standard of "a good woman" just for once]

"Women that I would like to make love with, that's all though?"

[That sounds simple, but that isn't answering the question though]

"Is that so? It's just simple"

[I'm asking here alright. How about making it more into words?]

"I am. It's women that I would like to make love with"

[That doesn't count as putting it into words]

I could feel Eleanor rolling her eyes inside my head.

"In the first place, what would you do with it if I put it into words?"

[...]

"Eleanor?"

[I-I'm going to guide Hikari to not be like that]

For some reason, the feeling that flows from Eleanor changed into something restless.

What is she being restless for?

“You don’t need to worry about Hikari. She’s my daughter after all”

[Hmph, who’d believe that]

“You’re teasing me, calling me a doting parent but you’re worried about that?”

It’s been a while but I’m feeling troubled. Just a little though.

And when I’m chatting with Eleanor about such senseless things, there was a knock on the door and one woman entered inside.

It’s a young intelligent-looking woman wearing glasses.

Her face features are the same type with Delfina, a beautiful type rather than being described as cute.

“I have something to report, Master”

“Did something happen?”

“Yes... “

After the woman made a small nod, she glanced at me.

It looks like it’s something she can’t speak of with an outsider.

“Do not mind it, speak”

“...yes. A riot is taking place in the town”

“A riot? Suppress it just like as usual”

“Just like as usual?”

“Yes, it’s this”

Delfina made a gesture of grabbing something from her chest.

It’s similar to when I took out that dark thing. I see, riots that is caused by that, it is still happening up until now huh.

“That’s, Master... it is getting more frequent”

“More frequent?”

“It suddenly occurred earlier in the morning. There are 7 cases with just the ones that

have already been reported, and there are five places that clearly seems strange although there is no report”

“ .. “

Delfina narrowed her beautiful eyebrows.

“There’s riots in 12 places?”

“At the least, that is”

She glanced at me and replied.

Delfina who received the report got into deep thought.

“Suppressing them... will take time huh”

“Is that so?”

“We have not expected that this level of riot will occur at once. We’ve prepared a vigilante group that would take the place of Aegina’s officials, but it’s scale is... “

“I see. Delfina—”

Delfina raised a hand towards me the instant I called her name.

She faced her palm towards me, and I felt like I was told to shut up.

While retaining that pose, Delfina thought for awhile.

“Request help from the adventurer’s guild. The reward is thrice the normal. Tell them as well that double of that will be paid to the adventurers who can suppress several places today”

“Understood, Master”

The woman made a bow and left the room.

I completely understood Delfina’s intention. Her intention of wanting to take care of it without my help.

[It's her woman's pride]

I know.

I answered to Eleanor without saying it out loud.

I thought that I should let Delfina do so if she wants to.

Well, hearing her instructions, I felt like it would be taken care of, although it would take time.

Since that is the case, it might be better if I'm not here.

I stood up from the sofa and told Delfina.

"I remembered something that I need to do, I'll go back now to my mansion. I'll come here by—"

"Master!!"

Pan!!, the door was slammed open.

The woman from earlier rushed into the room with a pale face.

"What happened?"

"A-Aegina. The Aegina army, it's heading towards here"

"...that's what's happening"

Delfina clenched her teeth strong enough that I could hear it from here.



At Malonei's outskirts, above the town wall.

Coming here with Delfina, I looked far away with my vision multiplied 777 times.

"They're here. Just roughly, about 2000"

"Is that so... "

“They have a flag too, it’s this mark”

I released my aura and made the mark of the flag that I saw.

“It’s the Prime Minister Prince’s flag”

“I think that I’ve heard about that title”

“Aegina Kingdom’s First Prince, the Prime Minister Prince Kimon Mo Aegina. Kakeru-sama have met him once”

“I see”

I can’t remember his face, and I could only somewhat remember his name, but I remember that Prime Minister Prince title.

“That means, that guy’s leading his army here huh”

“Yes. At the same time... I could see it now. This time’s mastermind”

“Hou?”

“Currently, riots are occurring in Malonei. The cause is that dark thing”

“Yeah”

“At this point right now, it’s scale has exceeded the amount that I can handle, and there is also the possibility that it would continue to expand. And, the following is what’s important”

Delfina let out a sigh.

“Although it’s a town that I bought with money, this town is still nominally Aegina’s. That’s the reason why officials just in name are dispatched here”

“I see”

I understood.

“He wants to send soldiers in the form of riot suppression, but would continue to

garrison here even after the riots' are suppressed"

"Yes. He would not be able to send soldiers if nothing is happening. If he dispatched an army to recapture a town that is nominally under their Kingdom's rule, they would be a laughingstock of the neighboring kingdoms. However, if a large scale riot has occurred... "

"He'd be able to send soldiers without any worries, huh"

Delfina nodded.

"If that army would be able to enter the town and suppress even one riot, it would be my defeat"

I looked at the dust clouds that the army is making from far away. It's about 30 minutes before they arrive, huh.

"...please help me"

Delfina gave away.

She probably thought of wanting to do something about it herself, but judging from the situation, there's nothing good with not asking for my help.

"Leave it to me"

"We will take care of the support, and the aftermath"

"Give me the information where the riots are occurring. You should take care of the aftermath later"

"Eh? But if signs of the riot, and if the people in act remains—"

While Delfina is tilting her head, I turned around and looked at the town.

And just in time, a riot is occurring 200 meters away from here.

People who had clearly lost their sanity are fighting against each other.

"Just look"

I opened my Different Dimension Warehouse and took out my Warp Feather. I used that and warped to the place of the riot.

I warped nearby and grasped the details of the situation. There are ten odd men fighting in a melee battle.

Each one of them has lost their sanity and were raising beast-like voices.

Some of them were even bleeding from their fists, but they continued to throw punches without a care.

[Are we doing it?]

I heard Eleanor's excited voice.

"Your turn is for later"

[Mu?!]

"First... I'll do this"

I used the Warp Feather again.

I warped taking those guys who are fighting and those who are possessed by that dark thing with me.

The destination is my mansion at Reiusu, at the training grounds in front of the slave soldier's barracks.

"Your Excellency!"

Nikki was there. It looks like she's having her self-training.

"How many slave soldiers are around?"

"Sir! Everyone other than the second platoon is here sir!"

"Assemble here. I'll bring more and more of them. Surround them here, do not let anyone get away"

“Sir yes sir!”

Nikki entered the barracks, and I confirmed the slave soldiers rushing out one next to the other.

I also saw Nana within them.

I got relieved after seeing that and returned to Malonei using the Warp Feather. I returned to where Delfina is.

“Kakeru-sama!”

“Just like that, there wouldn’t be any evidence if I take them to another place right?”

“...yes!”

“And so, I’ll rely on you about the information. Will you make it in time?”

“I will make it in time”

I looked at Delfina nodding clearly and brought her back to the merchant company using the Warp Feather.

She processed the information that her subordinates gathered, and using that, I warped to the said area and warped those possessed people to the training grounds.

When the Aegina army arrived, the possessed people had completely disappeared from Malonei.

CHAPTER 149

THE DEMON KING

The Aegina Army surged into the middle of the town.

And the middle-aged man who is leading them, Aegina Kingdom's First Prince, the Prime Minister Prince Kimon Mo Aegina.

That man is angrily shouting out orders while riding a horse.

Soldiers rushed towards here and there and would get slapped away when they returned to report.

Everything I could hear with my 777x hearing is "There is no riot occurring", and "Nonsense! Look carefully".

Scared by the furious Kimon and the Aegina Army, most of the townspeople are hiding inside their houses.

Because of that, the town is full of Aegina soldiers.

However, that guy, he's both a prime minister and a prince? What the heck is that?

[He's nothing compared to you. Demon Sword Wielder of Five Noble Titles-sama]

"It's not like I named myself like that"

Demon Sword Wielder of Five Noble Titles-sama.

The nickname that was made without me knowing, being Eleanor's wielder and receiving noble titles from all five great kingdoms.

[Would you like to have more titles?]

"Nope"

[It would be cool if you named yourself though?]

"Is that cool? Really?"

I don't really know.

“I don’t really need something like that. At worst, Demon Sword Wielder is enough”

After all, there’s Hikari.

Just like that, I waited and see while talking with Eleanor about senseless things.

I transported all the possessed in Malonei to Reiusu without exception, so there’s no one who’s like that remains in this town.

No matter how much they search, there is no riot. There are some signs of melee battles, but the people in action are nowhere around.

Every time a soldier returns to report, I could see that Kimon’s face is distorting in anger.

“Nonsense! search more and more!” He would shout every time.

“Nonsense, huh”

[He’s the culprit after all]

“Yeah. I was half in doubt when I heard that from Delfina, but looking at his reactions, that is probably the case”

[There is no mistaking it]

“Eleanor. Is that a human?”

Because of that case in Comotoria, I got curious about that.

That lizard woman who disguised herself to become Aura’s father, King Comotoria’s concubine.

That dark thing that is possessing the people this time is similar to that thing that that lizard woman used, and there is no doubt that Kimon is the mastermind.

So I thought that he might not be human as well.

[I cannot tell just by looking]

“There’s no use unless we test him, huh. Well, it cannot be helped”

[Are you going to do it?]

“Yeah”

Just at that time, I saw Delfina appear and start negotiating with Kimon.



The Aegina Army that Kimon led dejectedly withdrew from Malonei.

2000 soldiers were moved and entered Malonei, but in the first place, it isn't a war but politics.

Kimon cannot do anything if there's no riot, so he could only withdraw.

If he would stay there, it would only give Delfina an excuse to impose on him, and most of all—.

“Damn it! We would be laughingstock like this!”

In the middle of the army that is protecting him, Kimon spat out vexingly.

That's right. That is what Kimon is concerned with more than anything.

Aegina Kingdom's First Prince, and Prime Minister Prince.

The First Prince that takes in charge of political affairs on behalf of the old king, that was enough in practice.

However, adding “Prime” to his “Prince” only reveals how vain of a person he is.

With just that, he would only be treated as one kind of an ambitious person, but adding his coward disposition, he added “Minister” to show that it is not treacherous to the King.

And what was made was “Prime Minister Prince”, a title that is unheard of.

In short, it is only a compilation of his complex psychology.

People who want to make themselves look better than their actual skill prefer to possess exaggerated titles. Without exception, Kimon is also such a person.

“Oi! What the heck is going on!”

When Kimon shouted like that, the surrounding atmosphere changed.

A man appeared.

Skin that is between black and blue, sharp fangs, and horns growing from his head.

Something that is obviously not human, appeared in an impossible way for a human.

“Kekeke, you look quite angry huh”

“Do not mess around! I am asking what the heck is going on”

“Wait, wait, don’t get too hot alright. The smell still remains. And also, there are traces of commotions right?”

“Yeah. I had that report from my soldiers”

“If so, then someone took care of it. They’d probably took care of the cause of the commotion, but did not have time to take care of the aftermath. In short, their side only barely made it in time”

“That money monger huh. Hmph, her skilled subordinates probably forcefully took care of it”

“That’s right. You should just come faster next time”

“When will be the next mass infection?”

“Kekeke, we had already sown the seed, the next one is quicker. About three days”

“I should make the soldiers move beforehand huh”

“That’s a good idea. Kekeke”

Kimon fell into deep thoughts on top of his horse.

It was indeed frustrating striking and missing, but the opponent only barely took care of it in time. He thought that they would be able to arrive much earlier next time.

And while he is in deep thought, that thing that he called out is walking on his side.

Although that summoned thing was clearly not human, not a single soldier looked at it.

They are not acting as if they did not see anything. Those soldiers are instead, forced to not take notice of it.

The soldiers are only acting normal, just, with their focus scattered naturally.

They reacted to that, as if there was nothing there, there is nothing strange there.

And their reaction, it was changed by a different thing.

Their marching stopped. Commotions could be heard from ahead.

“What, what is happening?”

“I-I would wish to report!”

One soldier was in a hurry, he came from the front, almost crawling towards Kimon.

“Enemy attack!”

“Enemy attack, you say? Is it bandits? How many are there?”

“O-Only one”

“Haa? What the heck are you saying?”

“It is only one! There is only one enemy!”

That soldier crazily repeated that it was only one.

Kimon looked at the frontlines.

He looked from above, riding his horse.

What he saw was one distinctive existence.

An existence with a dark aura rising around it.

“What the heck is that?”

“Kekeke, this is really bad”

“You know what it is?”

“That thing, it’s that Demon Sword Wielder”

“Demon Sword Wielder?!!”

Surprised, he looked more carefully at the frontlines.

Darkness that makes blood clouds drift. In the hand of that man that he could barely see, an ominous, sinister Demon Sword.

Demon Sword Eleanor. That formed object that is probably the most famous in this world.

It was originally famous, but adding its replicas circulating recently, it became increasingly more famous.



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“Is it... the real thing?”

“There’s no doubt, that’s the real one”

“Ku! Why is the Demon Sword Wielder... ! No, wait, you say he’s only one? That Demon Sword Wielder is alone?!”

He shouted, asking the soldier.

“Y-Yes!”

“Crush him! There are 2000 of us here! No matter how strong that Demon Sword Wielder is, he’s alone. Crush him with numbers. Convey this to the whole army, the one who takes that Demon Sword Wielder’s head shall become a baron... no, he shall become a viscount”

“—yes!!”

The soldier ran to send the orders.

Duke, Marquis, Earl, Viscount, Baron. The noble titles are divided with those five, and Kimon declared that he would reward the second noble title so easily.

That instantly spread out and the army’s morale went up at a stretch.

The unrest that gradually spread from earlier disappeared, and the soldiers rushed towards the Demon Sword Wielder at once.

“ .. ”

“What, why are you suddenly quiet”

“Kekeke, it’s goodbye here”

“Ha?”

“It’s time to go since that Demon Sword Wielder appeared. This great one would back out here”

“What are you saying. What so if he is a Demon Sword Wielder. That is only a single swordsman. Useless against such military force”

“Sorry buddy, I can’t get along with you anymore since that Demon Sword Wielder appeared. I’ll take back my powers, my bad”

“What! Wa—”

“See ya”

Weakness attacked Kimon. It was as if an important thing was taken away from inside his body.

He almost fell down from his horse.

“Kekeke, see ya—”

That inhuman thing that finished “setting out” the matters tried to disappear.
That instant.

“What!”

One man appeared in front of it.

Eyes that are full of confidence, with a dark aura surrounding his whole body.

That man who was making blood shed just earlier, that man who holds two Demon Swords.

That man suddenly appeared in the middle of the Aegina Army.

“Bingo, huh”

That man grinned, with that appearance, it is...

“D-Demon... King?”

That inhuman thing was overwhelmed just with his presence.

“No! Demon Sword Wielder! Damn! I must go”

“There’s no way you’d get away, right?”

His aura stretched out just like an arm and grabbed the head of that inhuman thing.

“I’m gonna need to tell me everything, okay?”

In the middle of the enemy army, that man overwhelmed them all.

CHAPTER 150

THE TWO BATTLES

Before everything, I returned to the mansion for once.

I walked back to the mansion and entered through the front entrance. And suddenly, I heard someone running from inside.

It was the beast-kin maid Miu who appeared. She is managing all the work in this mansion alone as a slave maid.

Just as usual, Miu welcomed me with a bright smile.

“Welcome back, Master”

“I’m back, Miu. Where’s Hikari?”

I pulled her to me and asked Hikari’s whereabouts while lightly *MofuMofu*-ing her.

“If it is Hikari-sama, then she should be in her room right now. Should I call her?”

“No, it’s fine. I’ll go there personally. I’m going to bring Hikari with me after all”

I told Miu just in case. I’m going to use warp after this, so I told her so that there wouldn’t be a commotion that Hikari disappeared.

“...understood. Please take care”

“n”

I Mofu-d her once for last and went to Hikari’s room.

I quickly arrived at her room and knocked lightly at the door.

“Hikari, are you there?”

“Otou-san?”

“That’s right. I’m entering”

I said and entered.

Hikari and Chibi Dragon are playing inside the wide room.

They’re holding hands and is doing something like a dance.

They look like they’re having fun, and it’s cute enough that I would’ve left them like that and watched them if nothing is scheduled after this.

It’s cute, but it’s not the time for that.

Hikari runs up to me after embracing Chibi Dragon.

“Welcome back, Otou-san?”

“I’m back. Sorry for being sudden, but. Let’s go, we’re going to battle”

“Un, I got it!”

It’s not something that a father would normally tell his daughter, but Hikari did not have any doubts and nodded with an innocent smile.

She placed down Chibi Dragon that she is embracing and patted its head.

“Myu~?”

“I’m going now, O-chan. Let’s play again when I’m back okay”

“Myu!”

Just as usual, it seems like they could understand each other, and Chibi Dragon cried out once with a smile.

Hikari patted her lastly for once and turned towards me.

“Sorry to keep you waiting, Otou-san”

She had an excited expression the instant she faced towards me. Her smile is like that of a child who is about to visit an amusement park.

“Yeah. Let’s go”

“Un!”

Hikari closed her eyes and put her hands together above her chest. From a lovely beautiful girl, she turned into her dreadful looking Demon Sword form.

I grabbed that. As usual, it feels like it fits my hand.

It feels like she had turned into a part of me.

“Let’s go”

[Umu]

[Un!]

The mother and daughter Demon Swords replied and we returned to the training grounds using the Warp Feather.

In there were most of the slave soldiers. They are surrounding the Malonei residents, those who are possessed, and are currently detaining them.

They are resisting, but they are powerless in front of the trained slave soldiers.

They would struggle and attack, but would get beaten instead every time.

By the way, while the slave soldiers are working, the commander Nana is just looking.

She placed her hands on her sword that she placed in front of her like a cane, and glared over those who were surrounded.

[She has quite a presence now]

“She had that in the first place”

[Is that so? When we first met her, she was only a strong woman]

“Really?”

Hearing Eleanor say that, I tried to remember the time I met Nana for the first time.

The War Princess of the barbarians that resisted against Mercouri, Nana Kanou.

At that time, I had already felt that she has a strong presence, but is it different from Eleanor’s eyes?

[She has become a good woman with a firm will and dignity. If you were not around, I would be probably making her my wielder and hand her over the world]

“Just like you did with those heroes and overlord?”

[Umu]

“That sounds interesting, but, I won’t give her to you. Nana is my woman after all”

[...can’t you say “you too”]

I felt that Eleanor whispered something.

Eleanor’s voice echoes in my head, so it’s outside of my 777x hearing, so there are times when I can’t hear her clearly.

“Did you say something?”

[I-It’s nothing! ... I just said that I can’t make her my wielder because you’d only be on the way!]

Eleanor said somewhat angrily.

Ahh, I see. Un, that’s true. I’d be on her way.

After that incident with Marie, so that there would be no more victims, I am managing Eleanor since she can’t possess me.

She’s probably dissatisfied about that.

“Sorry, but I’m not planning on letting you get away”

[I know—]

“For good or for bad, you’re a good woman after all”

[...fue?]

n? Did Eleanor just sound funny right now?

[W-What did you just say?]

“I just said that you’re also a good woman? Look”

I passed my consciousness through Eleanor. I pulled out the Demon Sword's power and released it outside of my body.

The dark aura enveloped my body, turned to a dark coat, and became an arm.

"I wasn't able to do this when we first met, but I'm now able to do so right now. This is just how good of a woman you are"

[...]

Eleanor became silent.

"What is it, Eleanor?"

[I-It's nothing!]

Eleanor repeated her words from earlier. Though, I feel like its nuance is a bit different.

This girl, her tension's undulation is too sharp. Did something happen?

Well, whatever. I should think about that later.

"Your Excellency!"

Noticing me releasing my aura, the slave soldiers' first platoon captain Nikki came running towards me.

Nana also noticed me from afar, but she only took a glance, and returned to monitoring the men.

While remembering the word "professional", I told Nikki.

"Good job. Is there any problem?"

"Sir! There is none, sir!"

"I see, good job. I'll put an end to it right now. Make everyone move back"

"Sir yes sir!"

Nikki saluted to me and ran back to her original place.

The order was immediately transmitted and the slave soldiers started to fall back while maintaining their formation.

In their stead, I moved forward.

“Let’s do it, Eleanor, Hikari”

[...hmph]

[Hikari will do her best!]

I released my aura and approached the possessed men.

It’s a simple work of grabbing that thing that possessed them with my aura arm and crushing it.

There were many of it, but it did not take 10 minutes to finish everything.



Malonei’s outskirts. I watched the Aegina Army withdraw from afar.

Rather than people, the Aegina Army looked like a huge lump from kilometers away.

“I couldn’t feel a man’s ambitious spirit from them at all”

[It’s good that they came rushing, but all they could catch are clouds. It can’t be helped. Also...]

“Also?”

[Delfina probably took everything that she could from them. That woman, when she’s negotiating—no, when she’s threatening someone while in advantage, I could tell that she’s quite heartless]

“...I can somewhat understand”

I felt shivers just from imagining it.

Delfina’s negotiation.

It somewhat sounds like an amazing power word.

[And so, what are you going to do? Are you going to take care of that too while you're at it?]

"Let me see... let's decide after asking Delfina"

[I got it]

"Well then, let's go to Malonei first—"

I turned back to return for once, but I felt something and looked back at the Aegina Army.

[What happened?]

"That thing"

[That thing?]

"Can't you see it? That thing in the middle, at the side of the horse of that commander-looking guy"

[Don't treat my vision like it's the same with yours. How could I see from that far]

[Hikari could see it~. It's a blue person flying]

Hikari answered with an innocent voice.

Hikari is my daughter, and she had inherited a part of my ability. That's why she could see it.

[Blue?]

"His skin is blue, has horns, and has sharp fangs. That guy, he's not human"

[I see. That really sounds like a mastermind]

"I changed my mind. I'm going to go and catch that"

[I agree. That should be for the best since it's already in front of us]

"Let's go, Eleanor, Hikari"

[Yeah]

[I'll do my best!]

I gripped the mother and daughter Demon Swords, and went towards the 2000-men

Aegina Army.

CHAPTER 151

BATTLEFIELD MUSIC

“What the heck are—kuwaa!”

“What happened—begyaa!”

I warped directly in front of them and cut down two soldiers at the same time with Eleanor and Hikari.

Fresh blood scattered and confusion spread.

Hesitation and surprise stopped the Aegina Army’s march.

“W-Who are you—”

“If you have time speaking, come at me!”

I cut off the head of the soldier who’s asking who and what. Blood spurts out from his neck and his body slowly fell down.

Swinging back my sword, I cut down three soldiers who were nearby.

I kicked away the corpse of the soldier that fell towards my direction and chopped the soldier who lost his balance because of that into two.

I slashed, paved a path, and advanced straightforward.

“Enemy attack, enemy attack!”

“The opponent’s alone. Attack—!!”

Finally, a decent reaction.

With the command of that captain-like soldier, the other soldiers pierced their spears towards me all at once.

“That’s quite long!”

And here, I noticed that.

The spears that the Aegina soldiers are holding are long. They are twice as long as those spears from other kingdoms.

Naturally, their attacking range is long. They took distance as soon as they heard their captain's command, and poked me from afar.

I swung Eleanor. I cleaved out the point of their concentrated attack at once.

The spearheads made of metal were cut off and surprise spread out widely like waves.

[It's still far away]

Because of the length of their spear, it is still far away to return a counterattack.

"If so, then I'll just close in!"

I stomped and leaped towards the soldier ahead.

I closed the distance that is twice the normal in an instant and hacked the soldier with the Demon Sword.

I decapitated some, pierced hearts, and chopped into half with a horizontal slash.

One hit one kill. I overwhelmed the soldiers.

[Twelve~, thirteen~, fourteen~, fifteen~...]

[What are you counting, Hikari?]

[The number that Otou-san slashed using Hikari]

[Hou, you were counting such a thing. That sounds interesting. I should do it as well]

[Okaa-san will do it together?]

[Since we're at it, let's have a competition. Let's compare who would have the more kills. I won't hold back even if you're my daughter. I shall not lose as a Demon Sword]

[Hikari's a Demon Sword too you know? Hikari wouldn't lose even if it's against Okaa-san okay?]

[Kuku, it's a game then]

[Un! Ah! 15, 16, 17, 18—]

[Once, twice, thrice—]



Hikari got distracted but probably continued her count, and Eleanor counted not by the number of people but by its sequential order.

And while the mother and daughter Demon Swords were at that, I continued to cut soldiers.

Human parts scattered around and a rain of fresh blood fell.

The soldiers came by the dozens but I killed all of them without exception.

“You monster!”

“Don’t fret! He’s only one! Attack all at once and crush him!”

The enemy soldiers’ morale is still high. The difference between numbers is probably influencing it.

After all, they’re 2000, and I’m only one. It’s natural for them to be confident.

[Forty four~, forty five~, forty six~—]

[21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th—]

Even though I rampaged all around, I still haven’t decreased them by ten percent. The difference is that much.

However.

“Good, very good. I’m starting to have fun”

I said with excitement. I raised the Demon Swords in my hands and roared.

I slashed left and right within the storm of fresh blood.

[Kuku, what a bad face you have there]

[Otou-san’s so cool]

[That’s right. He’s not bad at all. As expected of a wielder of Demon Swords]

[Un!]

[—Oi!]

A sudden change from a mother and daughter conversation. Eleanor called out to me. The direction of her consciousness changed as well. I looked towards that direction. Soldiers that have fallen and scattered around. Across that crowd of people, I saw its appearance.

Aegina's First Prince riding a horse and a strange man beside him.

The distance is about a hundred meters. He's in a high position riding a horse so I was able to see them.

[There they are. Close the distance using warp]

Hearing Eleanor's voice, I almost instinctively opened my Different Dimension Warehouse.

But.

"No need! Just count your numbers!"

My hand stopped halfway. I didn't warp.

The mother and daughter Demon Swords are being Demon Swords right now. I thought that I should let them be themselves much longer.

I didn't warp. I continued to cut open a path just like earlier.

Have they noticed it or not? The mother and daughter didn't say anything and just continued counting.

[Fifty~!]

[35th. Hey you! Aren't you using just Hikari? Use me even more]

[Kufufu~. Hikari, she's going to win against Okaa-san~]

[Not just yet. I shall teach you what a real Demon Sword is]

The two girls' voices were like battlefield music. It continued to raise my spirits.

More than that of the smell of blood. More than that of the feeling of cutting flesh.

Having the mother and daughter count numbers stirs me up most of all.
The counting slaughter accelerated.

[61st—this guy, he's not even making a human face anymore]
[Otouto-san's really cool! 77]

Finally, the path is completely opened.
I stomped the ground and charged at once.
I grabbed that strange creature who's stunned for some reason with my aura arm.

"B-Bastard"
"You're the mastermind huh. For the meantime, don't move there. Just wait for a—"
"—don't look down on me! Puny human!"

That thing struggled off me and jumped back.
The instant he landed, he killed the soldier nearest to him.
He swung his arm and split the soldier into two with a chop.
It did not end there. That thing continued to kill more soldiers. He started to slaughter the soldiers as if he became crazy.

"What the heck is he doing? Are they falling out?"
[...no! Get away here immediately!]
"Ha?"

What the heck is Eleanor saying? Get away from here—mu!

"My body's, heavy?"
"Kukuku... "

That strange man laughed. He skillfully raised only one of the corner of his lips and

started to laugh.

The place he's standing is shining.

No, it's not only there. The ground was painted with a magic circle when I noticed it.

It's a magic circle I've never seen before. That magic circle suddenly appeared on the ground.

"What. What is this?"

"It's a barrier that restricts movements"

"A barrier, you say?"

"Yeah baby. It's a barrier that requires lots of blood and human flesh, but it's over since it's activated. The strength of those inside this is limited to a tenth"

That thing declared confidently.

One-tenth, you say.

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77X

“That’s right. Keke, even if it’s you bastard, even if it’s the great Demon Sword Wielder that is. You can’t do anything if your strength is limited to one-tenth like this, right? nn?”

He made his evil looking face even more evil looking, and said confidently.

His expression shows no doubt about his victory.

I checked my grip on my swords. I raised my feet up and down as well.

It’s true. My body feels heavier than usual. It’s like someone is hanging down each of my limbs.

The large-scale magic circle that is repeatedly blinking its shine has its effects. From how it used lots of human flesh and blood and how the user looks like, it’s probably some kind of a forbidden spell.

Its effects are obviously showing.

However.

“Well, if it’s only one-tenth”

“Whaat?”

“If it’s just one-tenth, it’s still 77x”

“What gibberish are you talking about. Acting tough huh. You’re just acting tough. Hmph! Just wait, I’ll break that—”

That blue thing reached out his arm, he thrusts it with his fingers together.

His sharp claws tears the air and flew straight towards my heart.

“Humph!”

With a bellowing shout. I swung Eleanor diagonally and cut off his arm from his elbow.

His blue arm flew in the air, so I continued, cutting it into pieces.

His blue blood scattered, and he started screaming.

“What the fuck?! WHAT THE FUCKKKK?!”

“Ahh, as I’ve thought, my power’s weakened”

[Kukuku, that’s all the result of your full power after all]

[Otou-san... are you okay?]

Eleanor seems to be having fun and Hikari looks worried.

“Let me see... “

I looked at that blue thing while holding the mother and daughter Demon Swords, then looked around at the surrounding Aegina soldiers.

“It’s just enough to kill everyone who’s here”

I smiled, I don’t know why, but I smiled.

I wonder what this is? Ahh... I know.

It’s fun. I’m having fun.

It’s fun, because... I felt like it’s a battle that is worthwhile, one that I haven’t had after a long time.

I guess, I’m smiling.

“Damn fucker! I’ll wipe that smile off your damn face! There’s no way that the spell isn’t working! There’s no problem if we crush you at once. You, you puny bastard!”

“W-What”

Aegina’s First Prince—Kimon reacted.

He finally returned to himself. He was stunned ever since I charged onto them.

“What what you damn fuck. Do it!”

“Ha!— I-I know!”

Kimon raised his hand and swung it down towards me.

“All of you, attack! The enemy’s alone!”

The command of the general commander.

The surrounding soldiers regained their will with that, and started to attack.

“Good, good, come at me. COME AT ME!!”

[Really, this man... 62nd]

[Seventy~ eight~]

I beheaded the two spearmen nearby.

And an instant later, lots of soldier raising huge shields charged towards me. They’re probably from a different branch of their army with those holding long spears.

Guys like that surrounded me in a 360-degree circle.

I saw something reflecting light. They probably have weapons hidden behind their shields.

“Haaa!!”

I chopped the soldier in front of me into two together with his shield using Eleanor. Immediately, two soldiers on the side used their shields to press down Eleanor to the ground.

Continuing with that pressing action, they swung their hand axes towards me.

[63rd. That is some good combination]

“It’s too slow though!”

I cut the throats of those two using Hikari. Only the skin of their necks remained and those shield soldiers collapsed at the same time.

“““U00000000!!”““

Without a pause, other shield soldiers pushed towards me.

All of them were pressing their shields to crush me.

“Something like this!”

[Otou-san, above!]

After I tore off all the shield soldiers with a cleaving action at once, I heard Hikari’s warning.

I quickly looked above and saw dark, shining, magical arrows flying towards me.

There are roughly over a hundred.

“U000000000!!”

I swung the two Demon Swords in a rush. One by one, I parried the magic arrows.

The arrows fly towards a different direction every time I hit them with the Demon Swords.

[Dodge!]

[Otou-san!]

I heard the mother and daughter’s shout. One arrow passed through my sword rush.

It’s already in front of me, I cannot evade.

“Hmph!”

I didn’t dodge.

I braced, steeling my muscles, and received the arrow with my body.

“““OOOHHHHH!!”““

The Aegina Army shouted a scream of joy. Their morale rose up sharply.
The first attack. Their first time hitting me.

“Exactly! Crush him with numbers!”

The soldiers reacted to the Prince’s voice.
More and more magic arrows came flying.
Those arrows almost covered the sky.

“Too naive, that’s too naive!! Haa!”

A sweeping side slash. Eleanor cuts through the air.
Soon after she passed through the air, countless dark grains were created.
Each of them gradually got bigger, turning to dark arrows that are shot to the sky.
The arrows hit each other. Similar objects collided with each other and scattered away like fireworks.

“W-What!”

“Ridiculous! The Demon Sword Wielder is able to use magic?!!”

Kimon and that blue thing got surprised.

[You finally used magic after a long time]

“It looks like I can learn it even with 77x”

In this world, one is able to learn magic when they are hit by them as long as they have

the talent for it.

With the all abilities increase from the lottery, my talents also increased.

Normally, it is multiplied 777 times, but right now, it is only 77x with the limitations of the magic circle.

Even so, it is still 77x of a normal person. I immediately learned the magic, and with magic powers multiplied by 77x, I shot it all at once.

I shot down all of the magic arrows.

“What strength... what power. Is this the Demon Sword Wielder in the rumors”

“Damn it! That’s why I didn’t want to get involved with the Demon Sword Wielder! You, you damn bastard, how will you pay me for this!”

“Stop, get your hands off me! I have already paid you extraordinary rewards! You’ve eaten your full right?! Do something about this situation!”

“What something! How the fuck would you take care of that?!”

Leaving aside those two screaming, I continued to cut down soldiers and shoot magic. The numbers counted by the mother and daughter is making me excited. The feeling of tearing apart the restraint of the magic circle feels good.

Feeling this excited for the first time, I continued to defeat Aegina soldiers.

“Ku! If it all comes to this, we should retreat for once”

“I’ll escape now”

“That’s too naive! Did you think I’ll let you get away after all of this?”

“What?!”

“...Hmph!”

I closed my eyes and concentrated on the powers of the Demon Sword.

Because of my heightened fighting spirits, the powers that were raised were proportionally higher.

I pulled out the powers of the Demon Swords up to the limit and released it all at once. It turned into aura and covered the surroundings.

As if, it was a cage.

That blue thing flew up, hits the ceiling of the cage, and was driven back.

“The fuck, I can’t get out!”

“Oi! Do something about this!”

“Fuck you! I can’t get out too you bastard!”

The two of them started to fall out. I left them alone and went towards the remaining Aegina soldiers.

I can take care of those two anytime I want to. Right now, it’s the remaining soldiers.

[Kukuku, what a bad face you have there]

[Otouto-san, do your best!]

Sorry but, I’ll make you rust of my Demon Swords.

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THE CAPABLE MAID

“...fuu~”

I breathed out the air that accumulated in my lungs.

I took a deep breath in search of fresh air after finishing my work, but there was only the smell of blood.

Because of that, my excitement had only increased.

More.

...More!

.....More!!

Even though the fight has ended, the word “more” continued to echo inside my head, pushing my heightened fighting spirits higher.

Worked up, I turned around.

There are two mountains of two thousand corpses, and the guys still alive on the ground as well.

It's Aegina's Crown Prince Kimon and that guy who has a demonic appearance whom I haven't heard his name.

The two of them tried to run away, and even tried to attack me, so I hit them with the center of my sword and made them lose consciousness.

I grabbed the neck of those two and warped with the Warp Feather.

I warped to my mansion in Reiusu, in the training grounds.

The slave soldiers were still outside.

A slave soldier is waiting for me there.

“Your Excellency!”

Nikki quickly noticed me and ran towards me.

Usually, she is acting stiff just like a “soldier”, so as soon as she reached me she saluted like a soldier.

“Where’s Nana?”

“She is in the mansion. The maid came and called her”

“Miu did?”

What? It’s quite rare for Miu to call Nana.

The two of them usually doesn’t have common grounds, so I wondered why.

Well, whatever. I’m going back after this anyways. I should just ask her directly.

“Rather than that” I thought, and threw down the two to the ground.

“Confine them. Make sure they do not escape”

“Absolutely! Please leave it to us”

Nikki saluted again then called out slave soldiers.

The whole first platoon came and brought the two away.

Thump

The instant they approached, my heart jumped.

It’s a strange fervor, as if something immense is about to overflow out of my body.

This... what is it?

While tilting my head, I walked towards my mansion.

[In the end, it was my win]

[Uu, I lost~. But, it’s Okaa-san after all]

[Kukuku, indeed. Our career as a Demon Sword is still too different]

[Hikari will continue to do her best okay~, as a Demon Sword]

[Umu, it is good to do your best. I shall guarantee that you will be the second greatest Demon Sword in this world]

[Second?]

[I am the greatest after all]

[I see~. Un, Hikari will aim for the second okay]

[Umu. Hikari should be the second]

The mother and daughter Demon Swords were leisurely chatting.

And while they did, I continued to fight against the fervor.

My heart started to race, I want to go on a rampage.

I want to destroy, I want to release this excitement.

The more I felt that, the fewer the words I spoke.

[...well then, Hikari. Go and play with Olivia]

[Is it okay?]

[Umu. The incident has ended]

[Un!]

Hikari said and returned to her human form.

“Hikari will go back first okay~”

After that, she ran to the mansion.

I saw her off, and heard Eleanor say.

[Well, I guess you should go and take care of that too]

“Eh?”

[What are you shocked about? You can't help but want to embrace women right?]

“...yeah”

Having that pointed out, I finally noticed that.

That’s right, that’s exactly right.

This fervor, it was that.

It’s libido.

It’s the heightened libido that remained after the battle.

“It’s different than usual, so I didn’t notice”

[That’s probably because of that barrier. Because you were restrained by that, the instant you were released, your sexual desire surged up to ten times. It is ten times of that after a normal fight. You probably felt it differently and couldn’t notice it]

“...ahh, I see”

[What will you do? If you want to release it with violence, I’ll help you]

“Let me see... “

I thought about what I should do.

Eleanor’s suggestion isn’t bad too. It might be great to let myself drown in this overwhelming urge to lay destruction as well.

...this might destroy my women after all. If it’s Eleanor, then there’s no need to worry about her getting destroyed.

Hmm, that might be good.

While I was thinking, I arrived at the mansion.

When I reached the front door, it opened by itself.

“Welcome back, Master”

It was Miu who opened it.

Thump—my heart jumped and brought me dizziness.

Miu's appearance, the fragrance of a woman. I almost got done by that.

Ahh, this is better.

It's not like Eleanor is bad, but this is better right now.

I need to be careful not to destroy her though.

"Miu, sorry, but can you comfort me"

"Yes! Everyone is waiting"

"Everyone?"

"Please follow me"

Miu started to walk. I followed her.

It was my bedroom where we arrived.

I entered inside and "everyone" was there.

"Welcome back, Kakeru-sama"

Mercouri's beautiful princess, Helene.

"We're all ready, Kakeru"

Her little sister Iris.

"We'll do our best okay!"

A-Rank adventurer, the Great Mage in the rumors, Io.

"You really look troubled"

Solon Church's symbol, the Immortal Saintess, Melissa.

“It’s exactly how Miu said”

The Great Sage Althea, just, Althea.

“I shall be Aruji’s power”

The world’s strongest woman, Nana.

The six of them were waiting inside the room.

“This is?”

“I thought that it would probably be needed, so I asked everyone to come”

Miu answered. Her tail is faintly swaying.

“Probably... ? Why did you think so?”

“Uhm, when Kakeru-sama came to bring Hikari-sama with him... Master, he looks like he’s having fun, so”

“I did?”

“Yes. It’s Master’s face when he’s about to go to a big battle. That’s why, I thought that it would probably be needed”

Did she expect all of it with just that?

[What a capable maid]

That’s why I’m not hiring more maids and can leave the mansion to her.

I faced Miu and stared straight at her.

“Thank you, Miu. It’s a great help”

“I am Master’s maid after all—hyaa!”

I put my arms around her and carried her to the bed like a princess.

I put her down and kissed her lips while she was still flustered about the sudden event.

I made her open her mouth and give her a deep kiss with my tongue.

“M-M-M-Master?!”

“Good job, Miu. As a reward, you’ll be the first one”

“Eh?!—Yes!”



…あ、あの。どき主人様？

今夜はわたしがぐらぐらお世話するわ。

ミウ
カケルの
もふもふメイド。

She was stunned for an instant, then with a huge nod, Miu showed a face full of smiles. She looked so cute. I was unable to hold back anymore. I undressed her maid uniform at once and wrestled her on top of the bed. Seeing that, the other women gathered.

Helene.

Iris.

Io.

Melissa.

Althea.

Nana.

And, Miu.

Such good women had gathered, making me more and more dizzy.

That night, I took grace on Miu's kindness, and made love with all of the beauties there.

CHAPTER 154

THE CALIBER OF A HAREM'S MASTER

Miu Mi Myuu woke up from the bed.

Slowly and carefully, so that she would not be on the way of her master.

Miu quietly got off the bed and left the room after hiding her presence.

She collected her maid uniform along the way and wore them outside the room after closing the door.

“Un, yosh!”

Miu used the window glass as a mirror and groomed herself.

Quickly, she returned to her usual animal eared maid appearance and showed a happy smile.

That maid who received her master's love seemed as if her expression shows that she received all the happiness in the world.

“I need to go to work. I must prepare Master and everyone's food—”

The instant the maid was about to move, the bedroom's door suddenly opened.

Miu flinched. She thought that she might have been a nuisance to Kakeru.

Thinking of that, she slowly turned around, and Iris was there.

Her hair is flowing down, bare naked, she is showing her glamorous proportion.

“Iris-sama? Is something the matter?”

“No... uhm, well”

Iris who silently closed the door was not clear of her words for some reason.

She stared at Miu, narrowing her eyebrows.

She is trying to tell her something, but could not start speaking.

“Do you need anything? Ah! Do you feel bad—”

“No, I’m fine. All in all, Kakeru is very kind after all”

“I know right! From the side, Master would look very rough, but he would actually be so kind! Like, he pays attention to your minor needs, as if he would take care of you as much as he could”

Miu emphasized while shaking her lightly gripped fists up and down.

She’s wagging her tail, clearly showing joy.

“Yeah, that was really unexpected. His image was a man who’s just rough”

“That’s not true at all! Master is—”

“No, I know. I’m just talking about the image I had with Kakeru before”

“Ah! Yes! I am very sorry. I was jumping to conclusion”

“No, it’s alright. ... “

Iris once again gave Miu a deep look.

Without saying anything, just staring at her.

“...uhm, what do you really need? Iris-sama”

“With today, I finally understood. Why it’s Miu and Delfina who must be taken as role model”

“Eh?! Me and Delfina-sama? Role model?? Ehhhh???”

Miu started to panic.

“Oh no, Iris-sama does not have anything to learn from me. I’m nothing but a maid”

“No, it was an excellent reference. Miu is really amazing. If you weren’t Kakeru’s, I would’ve scouted you to become my maid”

“Scout... “

“What is it?”

“N-No, it’s nothing. I just thought that Delfina-sama scouted me as well a while before. I thought, maybe it’s because I’m Master’s maid”

“...I see. I was lagging behind Delfina, huh. No, it’s just as expected huh, she’s such a character after all”

“Eh, eh? Ehhh?”

“It’s nothing. Sorry, I made you confused by saying weird things”

“Not at all! Please do not apologize!”

Miu reacted to Iris’ “sorry” and waved her hands while shrinking.

“Sorry, can I ask you one thing as well?”

“Yes! Please tell me anything you want”

“Can I come and visit here from time to time?”

“Eh? Yes, of course. Iris-sama is Master’s—”

“I don’t mean it by that. I want to come and visit Miu”

“Me?”

“Is it a nuisance?”

“No, not at all! Not at all, but... uhmm, why, is that?”

“I want to learn. About many things”

“Learn from me... ? Does Iris-sama want to become a maid? Although she’s a princess?!”

Miu was greatly surprised.

Hearing that reaction, Iris giggled and covered her mouth.

“Well, that might be good as well. Becoming Kakeru’s maid. It might really be a good idea?”

“!! That’s right, if it’s Master’s maid”

Miu was greatly surprised about her becoming a maid although she’s a princess, however, she was simply convinced hearing that the person she would serve is Kakeru.

“What do you think? Can I come and learn from you?”

“Yes! If it is like that... though I do not know if I would be your help”

“You will be. Thank you, Miu”

“Yes, Iris-sama!”

“You can call me just Iris”

“Ehhh? N-No, I cannot. Someone like me calling Iris-sama by just her name”

“I see, umu, honorifics is essential with a person’s position, I guess”

“Yes!”

“If so, then I shall call you Miu-sensei. Please take care of me, Miu-sensei”

“Ehhhhhh?!!”

Miu raised her voice loudly that it was almost a scream.

Iris just gave her a deep look while smiling.

The women are gradually changing their relationship with the harem, making themselves grow, wanting to become a “good woman” suitable for him.

And what makes them long for it is the greatness of the dignity the man Yuuki Kakeru possesses.

CHAPTER 155

TRAP

In the town of Reiusu.

In the annex of the Five Titled Noble's residence, in a room of the slave troops.

That room that was originally for the slave soldiers were quickly transformed into a place to confine two men who were suddenly brought in.

One is Aegina's Crown Prince, Prime Minister Prince, Kimon Mo Aegina. He is only but second to the Aegina Kingdom's King in authority, and nominally the person on the top.

The other one has a unique appearance, having blue skin and growing horns from his head. An existence that was clearly not human.

His name is Damos. The one who is lending Kimon a hand and gave him his powers.

The two are being confined, with slave soldiers tightly monitoring them.

"Let me out! Let me out of here. Who do you think I am! I am the Crown Prince of Aegina, the Prime Minister Prince Kimon Mo Aegina!!"

Kimon did not have consciousness when he was brought here, but he quickly started shouting as soon as he woke up.

Although his voice was loud, that was all. He is unable to do anything with his four limbs connected to sturdy chains.

Even so, he continued to make noise. It was almost a day since they were brought here. Kimon's voice started to become hoarse from continuous shouting, but he would still not stop.

"Come on, cut it out already"

Damos said with an annoyed voice.

That inhuman thing is also tied up in chains, but he was relatively calm.

“Why are you carefree for! This happened to us because you didn’t do something about that Demon Sword Wielder!”

“Who cares, damn it. I didn’t want to help you in the first place. Fuck! The higher-ups were completely right. I shouldn’t have get involved with the Demon Sword Wielder”

“What are you grumbling about. Hurry up and do something about this!”

“Give me a break. Just scream all you want”

Damos who’s in chains suddenly lied to his side.

It just shows how he does not want to get anything from Kimon who is uselessly shouting.

“Let me out! Let me out of here! Call Lord Yuuki! Have you forgotten my kindness giving you a noble title!!”

Kimon yelled further.

But, was he finally tired of shouting? He placed his back on the wall, and fell asleep.

The sun that rose up high finally set, and night came.

Suddenly, the atmosphere changed.

The slave soldiers outside the door suddenly fainted.

“Finally huh”

Grinning, Damos raised the corner of his lips.

That thing that humans call “miasma”, for him, it was nothing but fresh air.

At the same time, it shows that someone of his kind has come.

It was someone dressed in black who appeared from nowhere. He is clad in black from the top of his head to the tip of his toes.

“You’re late!”

“Keep quiet, he’ll notice”

“What the fuck—”

“I heard that the Demon Sword Wielder has sharp ears. Go on and shout if you want to die”

“Demon Sword Wielder”, Damos shut his mouth hearing those words.

Right now, that word, that existence, it was too immense for him. It exceeded a target of caution, reaching the symbol of fear.

“I-If so, hurry up and get me out of here”

“Alright”

The man in black clothes reached out his hands and touched Damos.

“What the heck is this?”

“I gave you power. You should’ve gained power that would allow you to escape from here with just a single person’s sacrifice”

“A single person?”

The man in black clothes glanced at Kimon. Damos saw that and grinned.

“Kekeke, that’s what you meant huh. Well! He needs to keep his mouth shut anyways”

With a face that seemed to understand everything, Damos approached Kimon.

Although they are tied up in chains, their distance is still that where they could barely touch each other.

Damos touched Kimon.

Quickly as the eye can see, Kimon’s skin started to mummify.

“Wh... a—”

It was already late when Kimon noticed something was wrong. His life force was sucked out at overwhelming speed. He turned into something like a mummy, and died.

“Ha!!”

With a shout, Damos tore the chains that bound him apart.

Is it because he absorbed life force? His whole body became bulk and muscular.

“Hehehe, it’s this easy. Yosh, let’s get out of here now. You made those guys outside sleep right?”

“..”

“Oi, what happened to you?”

“The message. They told, do not get involved with the Demon Sword Wielder”

“No, that’s—”

“Don’t worry, I’m not here to punish you”

“It’s not my fault—eh? You’re not here to erase me?”

“..”

“Ha, haha. Don’t scare me alright, there’s no waguheaeha!!”

In an instant, Damos’ body creaked in an indescribable way, and his head just popped. He died just leaving behind his muscular body.

“He absorbed Kimon’s life to try and escape, but he absorbed too much that his body was unable to endure the burden”

The man in black clothes muttered, without intent to let anyone hear.

“Too bad, I was a little bit late to save him”

He continued.

After that, he started to melt into darkness once again. Just like the time when he appeared, he disappeared.

—or he should’ve.

“What?! Why, why can’t I return”

The man in black clothes has covered his face as well, but he was clearly showing panic.

In a hurry, he tried to do the same thing. He tried to leave from this place, melting into darkness, but it wouldn’t go well.

“Why! Why is this—this is?!”

He suddenly noticed something.

“Inside a miasma—no, a dark aura? This is?!”

“You came after all, huh”

A man appeared.

Carrying two Demon Swords, he dominated the surroundings with an overwhelming aura even compared to the miasma.

One who possesses absolute confidence and power to support that.

The Demon Sword Wielder, Yuuki Kakeru.

That man, he appeared in this place with an air of composure.

In nothing but an instant, he completely dominated this place.

“Well then, I’ll let you tell me what’s going on”

The man in black clothes prepared to his death.

CHAPTER 156

IF I GET DONE, I'LL GET THEM BACK

“Demon Sword Wielder... “

The man in front of me murmured so resentfully that he looked like he'd spit out blood.

Even so, what an interesting look.

Black clothes that covered his whole body.

That includes hiding his face, but those eyes that show a strange light could be seen.

He really looks like a shinobi, no he looks like an assassin.

The blue thing that I could see is rolling around his feet without a head and from a distance... a mummy?

[It should be the crown prince]

Come to think of it, its clothes are the same.

[If you were taking your time, they would've been erased without a trace]

“It's the opposite”

[Mu?]

“I let him swim around. I would've just asked these guys if nothing happened, but since they were killed like this means that they're just small fries. There should be someone in a higher position”

[...umu]

“And so, that guy there should be it”

I pointed the man with black clothes.

His presence shook. I clearly heard him catch his breath.

Oi, oi, your restlessness is too easy to tell.

On the other hand, enjoyed emotions came flowing from Eleanor. It's like she's having fun.

[What a bad man. It means that you were waiting for the men you captured to be erased]

"It's been a while"

"..."

The presence of the man in black clothes shook again.

It should be the second time I met this guy.

The first time should be... when he came to clean up that Barbarian King in Siracuza.

"You came for cleaning again. Don't you have other skills?"

"What are you talking about?"

"I let you escape at that time, but it wouldn't be the same this time. I'll let you tell me what's going on"

"..."

"Well then, it's time to harvest potatoes"

"Ku!", the man in black clothes groaned.

"That bastard Damos, I told him clearly not to get involved with the Demon Sword Wielder"

"He~? What does that mean?"

"...did you think I'd tell you?"

"You'd probably not tell me honestly"

"I'm already prepared to die. I won't tell you anything"

"Die, huh. At that time, I'd only ask these guys"

I said and pointed the two corpses.

“What? What are you planning to do”

“You don’t know that although you call me Demon Sword Wielder?”

I raised Eleanor to show him then said.

“This is Demon Sword Eleanor. It’s a sword that messed up the world with its undead army”

“—!!”

He caught his breath again. It looks like he remembered something.

“It’s very easy to control corpses. If you die, then so be it. Dead men tell tales too”

“Ku!”

“I’ll make Eleanor control them and speak. While I’m at it, you too”

“Ku... ! You could control the Demon Sword that much. How careless”

[What a rude man. I am not controlled by anyone. I am doing things that I wish to do with my own will]

With your own will? You won’t then?

[I-I’m not saying that I won’t. I’m just saying I’m not controlled. I-I’m just saying that I’m helping you with my own will]

Okay, okay, tsundere alright.

“And, so... “

Eleanor and Hikari. I raised the two Demon Swords.

I glared at the man with black clothes and confronted him with words.

“The only thing you can do is to speak honestly, speak after getting defeated and tortured, or speak after you’re dead with Eleanor’s command”

“ ... “

“You can choose what you want”

“Ku... !”

The man with black clothes bent his knees and took a stance.

The air around him changed. He’s probably planning to resist.

He made his arms cross in front of his chest and sharp blades jumped out of his knuckles.

“He won’t speak honestly huh”

[Of course]

“Let’s go. Eleanor, Hikari”

“UOOOOO!!”

The man with black clothes charged while shouting. He swung around the blade that came out of his knuckles and slashed towards me.

*Gakkiii—n!

I blocked using Eleanor and slashed towards him with Hikari.

He blocked by using two blades crossed and was blown away.

“Ku! How heavy!”

The man with black clothes groaned and jumped back. I threw towards him—
Eleanor.

I threw the legendary Demon Sword. Eleanor flew straight towards him.

The man in black clothes dodged in a hurry but the tip of the blade grazed his cheek.

[Eiii! I told you many times not to throw me!]

Ignoring Eleanor’s protests, I warped using the Warp Feather.

I warped to the side of the man with black clothes.

“What?!”

I caught up to Eleanor by warping and cleaved horizontally.

Metallic sounds echoed and the whole structure shook.

Furthermore, the man with black clothes were blown away once again—and I threw Eleanor again.

[Don’t throw me!!]

“Ku!”

The man with black clothes fixed his position mid-air and blocked Eleanor after a forceful landing.

Then he continued to make a stance. He stared at Eleanor carefully and waited for the next attack.

I warped again. I warped behind the man with black clothes.

“The Demon Sword as a decoy—?!”

“This one’s a Demon Sword too though”

I swung down Hikari.

Zubba!!

The diagonal slash cuts the man’s back.

I felt a certain resistance—it was a strange feeling.

It’s a sensation I felt for the first time.

I’m sure that I hit him, but the feeling I got was different from cutting humans or monsters.

Rolling away, the assassin took distance.

Shuuuuu!, dark air leaked from his back that was injured.

Miasma. That word came to my mind for no reason.

Losing her speed after she was blocked, I grabbed Eleanor who was about to fall and threw her again.

The man with black clothes took a stance.

This time, I warped before he blocked, grabbing her and swinging down.

Bakiii—n!!, the two blades of the man with black clothes were broken.

I threw again and warped again.

I swung down Hikari from above where he's vulnerable.

I picked up, threw, and warped.

With a turning slash using the two Demon Swords, I cut off one of his arms.

I repeatedly threw and warped and attacked the man with black clothes from all directions.

Unable to block all of those attacks, he was pushed into the middle of the room, and was stuck there.

I stopped my attacks for once and returned where I was standing in the beginning.

I pointed Eleanor towards him and asked.

"How is it? Feel like speaking now?"

"..."

"It looks like you don't yet"

[Is it that he thinks he can win? Look, the places where you cut him started to regenerate]

Just like Eleanor had said, it looks like the man with black clothes is regenerating.

The miasma leaking from the place he was cut gradually decreased and the arm and blades that I cut off completely returned to normal.

It was as if nothing had changed before I started to attack. If I were to mention one, the strange light that his eyes released became so sinister, and began to shine with red.

"Don't get over yourself! You're nothing but a puny human!!"

The man with black clothes counterattacked.

Up until then, he was being attacked one-sidedly, but now he started to attack from his side.

He swung his arm and blades that regenerated.

I blocked using Eleanor. It was a decently heavy blow.

“Just this much, huh”

“You fell for it”

“Mu?”

A strange, sharp smell came deep to my nose.

Soon after, the blade of the man with black clothes started to corrupt Eleanor.

Something that is similar to flesh twitched its blue veins and ate away at her.

“With this!”

[I have been looked down on huh]

Her voice sounded like it was laughing. However, it did not seem like she was amused at all.

I’m not doing anything, but the corruption stopped.

That flesh like thing that tried to envelop Eleanor’s blade snapped away.

“What! It doesn’t... work?”

[To think that you would try to do such a thing against me]

Eleanor sneered.

Probably, he tried to corrupt Eleanor and tried to control her.

Although it’s completely just my guess.

[Oi, you there. Punish him a little]

It looks like Eleanor’s quite pissed off. It’s quite rare for her to ask something without wailing or making jokes.

I swung Eleanor.

“Kuu!!”

The man with black clothes rolled on the ground. He landed near that blue thing and the crown prince’s corpse.

He did what he tried with Eleanor with those two corpses.

The corpses were instantly corrupt and started to move.

A headless corpse and a mummy. Those two that makes me reminisce the undead army moved towards me.

“It looks exactly like you”

[Don’t compare me with that!]

Eleanor wailed. She somewhat returned to normal.

The headless and mummy attacked. I blocked their attacks with the two Demon Swords.

Soon after—the two corpses were slashed open.

Between the gaps, a silver light—the man with black clothes attacked with his blade.

“With thissss!”

The corpses were sacrificial pawns, no, they were camouflage.

He wanted to attack me along with the corpses while I blocked huh.

“It’s useless”

“I wonder about that”

I saw the man with black clothes grin.

I can’t move my arms. Looking closely, Eleanor and Hikari, both of their blades were getting corrupted again.

“As long as I can stop you in an instant!”

“Mu!”

I couldn't move the Demon Swords. There is a fraction of a second before the corruption snaps away.

That's what's his aim is. The two blades of the man with black clothes went straight towards me.

Both controlling the corpses and the corruption after that.

It's his main attack after using two decoys.

I couldn't help but get surprised. I felt like I was outsmarted twice.

“Well, it's not like there's anything if I was”

“What?!”

The man with black clothes was stunned.

I blocked his blades after letting Eleanor and Hikari go.

Stopping a sword stroke between one's bare hands(Shinken shihara-tori). I did that using my 777x dynamic vision.

“Ridiculous... to let go of the Demon Swords... “

“You're calling me Demon Sword Wielder Demon Sword Wielder, but you've misunderstood it in the basics”

“What?”

“I'm not being used by the Demon Sword. I am. Using the Demon Sword”

Bakin!, I snapped his blade while I'm at it.

I threw it away and grabbed his head, then raised his body so that his feet do not reach the floor.

He fluttered his feet, desperately struggling.

“I'll teach you one thing. It's about corrupting”

“—!”

I touched Eleanor who was stabbed horizontally to the ground, and said that.

I can't do it. I can't corrupt.

But, Eleanor can. She can do as naturally as breathing.

And, I'm sure.

She wants to do it right now.

[...]

I felt like Eleanor was blushing her face, a dark aura came out of my hand, and enveloped the man with black clothes.

His resistance, it did not last a second.

CHAPTER 157

THE DEVIL AND THE SAINTESS

“You can speak now. Who the hell are you?”

I asked the man with black clothes while grabbing him with an aura arm in the air. The Demon Sword’s power had completely controlled him. He answered with an emotionless voice.

“We are the tuners”

“Tuners?”

“The one that controls the world order and chaos, keeping them in the right balance”

“Controlling world order and chaos? That’s quite an exaggerating thing. What’s your group’s name?”

“ ... ”

The lower lip of the man with black clothes moved, but he stopped.

He won’t answer the question. I asked again.

“Answer me”

“ ... ”

“Oi, this guy, he isn’t answering. Are you going easy on him”

[He probably just doesn’t know. In the first place, there might be the possibility that it doesn’t have a name]

“It doesn’t have a name? Is that possible?”

[When your woman was caught, what do you think they would answer if she were asked what’s the name of your group? Would she answer Demon Sword Wielder and his merry friends?]

“...it was possible, huh. What about the possibility that he knows but wouldn’t tell?”

[Impossible]

Eleanor sneered.

[There is only one person that I cannot control in this world]

Me, huh.

[How about asking him why he came to clean them up?]

“I guess so. Why did you come to erase them, you were comrades right?”

“Because he got involved with the Demon Sword Wielder”

“With me?”

“The eunuchs of Calamba, the Queen of Comotoria, the Usurper King Thioza. Just like how we had done it up until now, we needed to kill them before they had a direct contact with the Demon Sword Wielder.”

“Kill them before they get direct contact with me—no, wait”

...

This guy, what did he just say?

Calamba?

“What do you mean by the eunuchs of Calamba? Was it your doing that they died inside the prison cell”

“I received orders, and took care of them personally”

“Oi, oi”

[What a surprising new information]

“To think that they’re also involved with that”

Calamba’s three eunuchs. The bastards that controlled Calamba Kingdom using Rica as a puppet.

I cooperated with Rica and threw them into the prison, but the incident became fuzzy because they suddenly died.

That too... no, since at that time, these guys have been involved, huh.

I thought it was only in Comotoria and Siracuza, but it looks like I'm mistaken.

They were already there when I came to Calamba.

And, Aegina as well, huh.

They've entered almost all the kingdoms of this world.

"But why would you erase them because they had some contact with me?"

"It was judged, "the Demon Sword Wielder is too dangerous""

"Too dangerous?"

"The only man within the eternal history who made the Demon Sword Eleanor succumb, and completely put it under his control. The man who made the balance tilt on one side. The man who makes chaos accelerate"

[I have not succumbed!]

Eleanor protested.

Usually, I would've teased her, but I ignored her right now.

"That's why you tried to evade me"

"The existence that made the Demon Sword completely succumb is too dangerous. Facing him directly, even our kind cannot get away unscathed. However"

"However?"

"Although he is a Demon Sword Wielder, he is nothing but a human. We only need to wait for the time of his death. A human's lifetime is inconsequential and is only a fraction of ours. That's why, after the Usurper King was defeated, we decided not to get involved with him"

[I see. That's a good move. If they can't win, then just wait until your lifespan ends. Kuku, what a good move]

"What are you getting impressed for"

[Even if it's you, you must have a lifespan, right?]

"...I wonder"

I have also thought of it sometimes, but there is something that I could only postpone

my conclusion.

It's about my lifespan.

I don't know what will happen to my lifespan. It might be affected by the 777x multiplier, or it might not be.

If it's endurance, HP-like things, I could confirm it, but there's no way to verify my lifespan.

There's none, but I understand the reason why they would think like that.

I'm a human. Normally, my life will end after several decades.

I don't know about this guy, but that blue thing, looking at that demonic looking guy, I can tell that they would probably live far longer than a normal human.

I think that the strategy of waiting until I die is feasible.

"If you didn't want to get involved with me, then why did this guy appear? That Usurper King is that guy from Siracuza right? If you decided at that time, then why?"

"It's because he's a fool that was tricked by Kimon's cajolery"

[Kuku, it looks like even they can't control the underlings of their organization. You should learn from their example]

"What do you mean by that?"

[You'll know someday]

What would I know?

Well, whatever. I should just think of it when that time comes.

[With this, we approximately know what's going on]

"I guess so. Lastly, tell me one more thing. Who's your boss?"

"Solon-sama"

"Solon, huh. That's your boss's name"

[Did he say Solon?!]

"Do you know him? Eleanor"

Does Demon Swords and Demons(probably) have something to do with each other?

[What are you saying? You should know that name as well]

“I know him? Solon? I don’t know someone named like that”

[This man...]

“I don’t remember it if it’s a man’s name”

[I do not mean it by that]

“Haa”, Eleanor let out a sigh. I feel like she’s rolling her eyes too.

[Melissa]

“Melissa? She isn’t named Solon... Solon Church?”

I suddenly realized. It was like that, huh.

I didn’t notice since it’s not a person’s name, but I remembered having Melissa’s name mentioned.

The Immortal Saintess, Melissa.

The reason why she is called a Saintess is because she belongs to the religion of Solon Church.

Solon and Solon Church.

“A coincidence”

[Might be too good to be true]

Hearing Eleanor’s words, I could only nod silently.

CHAPTER 158

THE WORKING UP PRINCESS

In the Aegina Kingdom, in its capital, Rethim, exists a royal palace full of water and greenery called “Summer Palace”.

It was originally a residence made by the King five generations ago for his beloved Queen, but as the result of the extensions and reconstructions he ordered to make his beloved Queen happy, its scale and grandness exceeded that of the original royal palace.

Adding to that comfortableness living there, this place is currently called as Summer Palace, and the original one called as Winter Palace, with the King taking charge of the state affairs while changing his residence with every season.

In a room inside that Summer Palace, Selene Mi Aegina is there.

She is currently 16. The only princess born from the current King Aegina, a girl who was brought up with flowers and butterflies.

Because she grew up without getting scolded and was spoiled without limits, she does not think of other people as “humans” with the exception of those of the royal family. Not only that, even if it is a member of the royal family, for example, her first brother the Crown Prince Kimon, she would say all she wants and get spoiled furthermore.

That Selene called her close aide, a man called Abraham.

Selene sitting on a chair grander than that of the King’s throne and Abraham who waits upon her.

Selene’s lovely face when she’s silent turned into a face with a strong expression unique to those spoiled noble and royal daughters.

“Have you not found Elder Brother yet?”

“Ha! The 2000 soldiers that the Crown Prince His Highness led was found annihilated at Malonei’s vicinity”

“Fu~n, was Elder Brother there?”

“Currently, we are hastily confirming it, but he has not been found yet”

“But, you know right? The soldiers were massacred, right? Then there’s no way only Elder Brother survived”

“That is... uhm... I cannot”

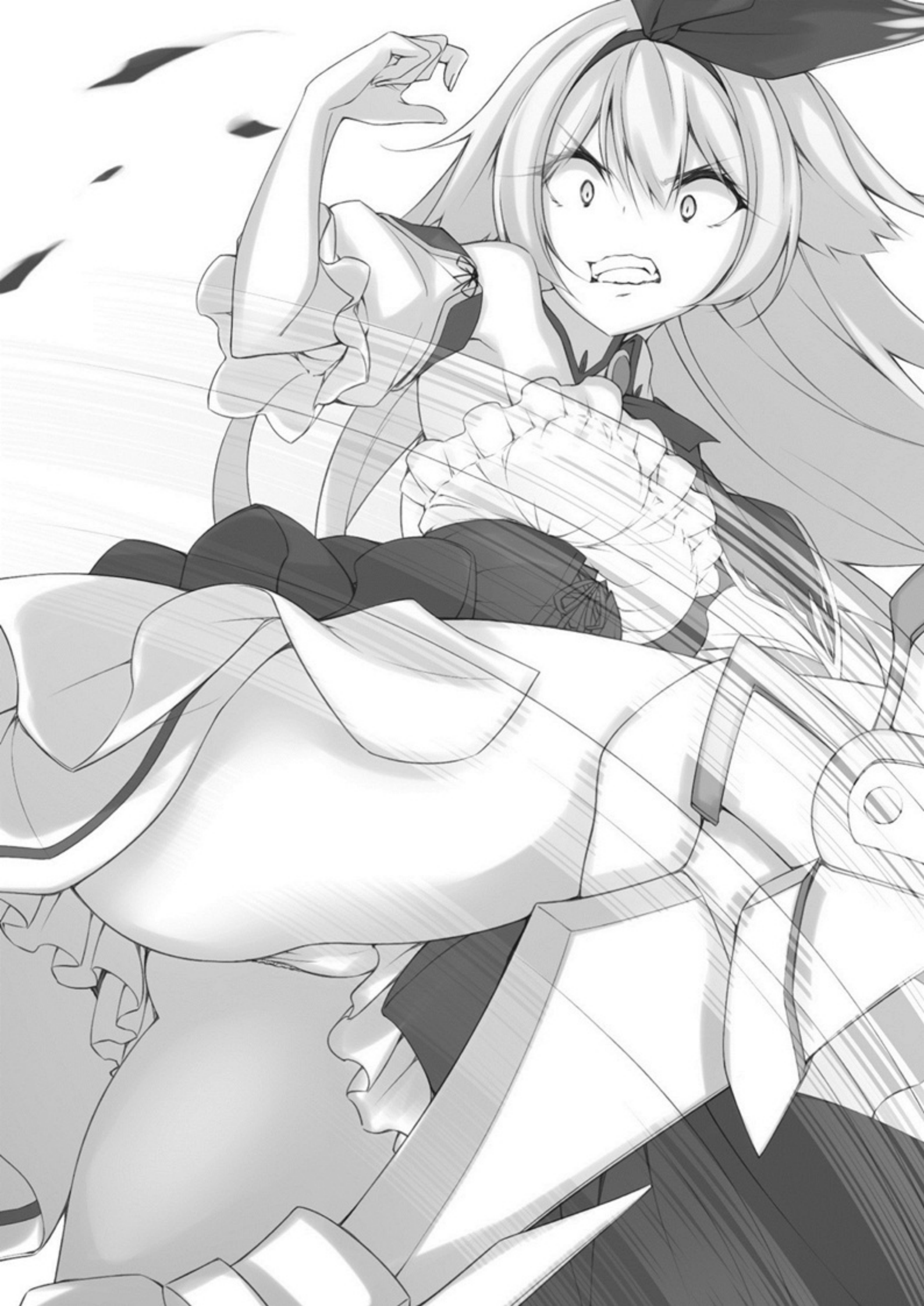
“What, what can’t you?”

“Uhm... no... “

“Speak more clearly!”

Selene stood up, raised her feet, and kicked Abraham.

The tip of her foot cleanly hits the man’s jaw and could not help but bend backward.



Guards are standing in the entrance of the room, but their expression did not change because it was a usual scene, and just continued their work.

Selene sat back on her seat and Abraham kneeled once again, not minding the blood flowing out of him, and continued to report.

“T-Thinking in common sense, he might have already passed away, or became a captive”

“Fu~n. What will happen if he becomes a captive?”

“In that case, we believe that the offender would demand something, but because there is nothing at the moment, that possibility is very lo—”

“Then don’t say it!”

She kicked Abraham’s jaw once again.

Fresh blood was splattered. The expensive carpet was smeared.

“Elder Brother has died. It’s fine if I think like that right?”

“...ha!”

“Fu~n. Elder Brother has died, that means, someone needs to take care of the kingdom instead right? Father is resting with sickness, so he left everything on Elder Brother, so, someone needs to take his place”

“...it is exactly as Her Highness says”

“Yosh, I’ll do it then”

“H-Her Highness Selene will?”

“What? You have any problem with that?”

“No, please do not mind this lowly one”

Abraham waved his hands in a hurry. It’s because he felt the third front kick was about to come.

Even so, he cannot just let this Selene intervene with the state affairs. Abraham is a man who swore loyalty to Aegina, and although he is treated unreasonably to “take care of a child”, his loyalty was not damaged at all.

He desperately thought, searching for a reason, a way that is able to stop Selene.

“...however, I believe that it would be impossible right away. As you know, His Highness Kimon named himself as “Prime Minister Prince,” and made his subjects obey him with that title”

“Then, I only need to become a Prime Minister Princess then”

“No, The Prime Minister Prince’s “Prime Minister” is the regent, within the seventeen ranks of officials taken from the state treasure Xiphos, it is ranked in the highest position. At the moment, Her Highness the Princess does not have a title, which means she is nominally at the eighteenth rank. Promotion of ranks higher than the third rank is only possible with His Majesty the King’s command”

Abraham is a man who is classified as capable. He has a sharp head and is familiar with all the laws and institutions of the kingdom.

That is why, he was able to think of reasons to deny Selene’s whim both rationally and legally within an instant.

That was excellent, if it was normal.

“Father’s command? Father can’t do that since he’s stuck in his bed because of his sickness”

“If so, His Highness Kimon who is the regent’s command”

“Elder Brother is dead you know!”

Abraham was kicked once again. He took that without resistance.

“A clean hit to the jaw... a few hits is cheap if it is to protect the Kingdom.” He thought.

“Please forgive my rudeness”

“Can’t anything be done?”

“Without His Majesty the King’s command... “

“Muu... ! That’s annoying”

“ .. “

Abraham fell silent. He prayed that she would pull back with that.

(There's no problem. It is decided by the law. And, His Majesty shall not order such thing. For many reasons"

He thought so.

Usually, his judgment would be completely right.

However, Abraham is a man who thinks with common sense.

And, Selene is a spoiled princess who is ignorant of the world.

"Hey, for example, can I make a second-ranked official to first ranked? It's just one rank up, right?"

"Haa... that is... well, if it is Her Highness the Princess"

Abraham had an ominous feeling. However, he thought that it was still alright.

The faces of the second-ranked officials appeared in his head instantly. However, it would be billions of times better if they became the Prime Minister instead of Selene.

"What about the third rank to the second rank? I can do it of course, right?"

"It is precisely as Her Highness says"

"Mufufu"

Abraham had a bad feeling. He had a terrible feeling.

"Hey, that lowest rank official. What kind of post is there in the seventeenth one? Give me an example"

"The stable manager. It is the person who takes care of Her Highnesses' horses"

"Yosh, then I'll give the human resources an official announcement. In the Name of Selene Mi Aegina, Selene Mi Aegina is appointed as the stable manager"

"...what?"

Abraham did not understand what he was told. It far exceeded his common sense.

“I’m saying~, I’m appointing myself to that stable manager”

“W-Why so?”

“It’s to get promoted of course. I only need to get promoted from the bottom one at a time right? I’ll work as that stable manager, and since the princess(I) liked me, I can promote myself right?”

“ .. “

Stunned. Abraham was petrified.

Such a thing, is it really possible?

No, rationally, it’s possible. There is also no problem legally.

The problem is, the Aegina Kingdom’s First Princess, Selene Mi Aegina, becoming a stable manager was an impossible situation.

Abraham was unable to follow her, he was unable to stop her.

Just like that, the Aegina Kingdom’s First Princess, as well as the stable manager, Selene Mi Aegina accumulated “merits” and got promoted continuously.

After one month, the Aegina Kingdom’s First Princess, the “Working Up Princess”, as well as the Prime Minister Princess, was born.

CHAPTER 159

GOOD MANNERS EVEN BETWEEN FRIENDS

The morning light from between the curtains woke me up.

Sleeping on the bed, Althea and Io are snuggling towards my sides.

I slept with these two yesterday. Of course, I didn't only sleep, but loved them thoroughly.

I called Althea because I wanted to ask something about the Solon Church, but she was such a good woman that I couldn't help but get in the mood.

Io passed by at that time, so I dragged the two of them into the bed... and the night had passed when I noticed it.

Well then, I should really ask Althea about it today.

I thought of that, and when I was about to wake up.

"Althea-sama, could you please give me just a moment?"

Io talked to Althea across me. I got interested in what they were going to talk about, so I just continued to pretend to sleep.

"Can you call me, just Althea?"

"W-Without honorifics?! Oh no, I cannot do that, it's too rude towards the legendary Great Sage!"

Io got flustered. Fumu. Althea is amazing after all.

Well, she should be. After all, she took noble titles from the five great kingdoms in this continent so easily.

It's like grabbing a minister's position from America, Russia, or Japan and other top countries at the same time.

The Great Sage Althea, thinking about it carefully, she's an amazing woman.

“You do not need to think like that you know? I am Althea, just simply, Althea”

“Just Althea?”

A soft hand passed over me. It's Althea's hand.

She took Io's hand and pulled it to her chest.

“I am but a simple woman who had undressed everything she is wearing, I am just simply, Althea. When I am in his arms like this, I am just a woman just like you”

“I-Is that so”

“Or is it that, do you want to claim “Call me the A-Rank Adventurer, Thousand Lightning Io-sama!” in front of him?”

What kind of character is that?

“I do not wish for that! I am Kakeru-san's”

“Similar to that, I am also just Althea. I'll be happy if you call me like that”

“E~to, uhm... can't I call you with -san? Calling someone older, is a little... “

“Fufu, okay, that is fine. Can I call my cute younger comrade with just her name then?”

“Please do so!”

With me in between, a friendship between women was created.

“And so, did you need something again?”

“Oh, that's right! Althea-san. Is Althea-san knowledgeable with magic?”

“Only in theory. I remember every single magic that exists in this world as knowledge. From those ones that were boasted in prosperity but lost, to those legendary laws that were created but not used even once. All of it, is just knowledge though”

“Amazing... “

I completely agree.

As expected of the Great Sage. The amount of her knowledge is staggering.

“What do you want to ask then?”

“Uhm... I just thought, I want to learn more magic. I want to learn more and more, become more and more useful to Kakeru-san... no, that’s not it”

She took a deep breath and rephrased. Her breath tickled my side.

“I need to become more suitable to Kakeru-san”

“That’s why you want to ask me if there’s a magic that is fitting”

“Please! Althea-sama—Althea-san. I know that something that is very valuable must be given to Althea-san in exchange for teaching something! But even so! Please!”

“Are you really saying that, knowing what would be taken in exchange?”

“I don’t know. But—”

“If it’s the most recent one, I think I said “go and kill your parents””

Oi oi, that’s a heck of a price. It’s like how a devil makes a deal.

“Will you still do it, even so?”

“That is... “

She grabbed me tightly. Io’s finger is sinking to my skin.

It hurts a little. I can really feel that she’s considering it seriously.

“Let me see, in your case, I would ask you to kill those two”

“Those two... Agnes and Julia?!”

Io realized half way.

Althea, that’s where she led it huh.

“That, is... “

Where did her momentum from a while ago go to? Io clearly became downcasted.

“I’m sorry... I, my resolve was not enough”

I don’t need that kind of resolve though.

“It looks like I played the joke too far. I don’t need that kind of resolve”

He~?

“Eh?”

“I won’t say something like that, I would be hated if I did”

“Then, what do I need to do? I will do if it’s anything else!”

“You don’t need to do anything”

“Eh? But... “

“I am Althea, just, Althea”

As if it was a spell, as if to sing a song.

...Althea said as if to whisper in my ear.

“As long as I am here like this, I am nothing but a simple woman just like you. In other words, we are comrades, or maybe, something like sisters”

“Sisters... “

“It would seem that he really prefers women who are excellent in their way. That’s why I will teach Io. I will teach you everything, all the magic that you can possibly learn your talents”

“—! Thank you very much!”

“You do not need to thank me. Being both his woman, do you think those words are needed?”

“I think it is! Whether or not being Kakeru-san’s!”

“ “
...

Althea became silent as if she was caught by surprise. I felt her presence get startled.

“Thank you very much! Althea-san!”

And Io added even more.

I almost instinctively move my arm that she was using as arm pillow.

CHAPTER 160

TWO FACES, TWO MATTERS

In the training ground beside the mansion, a chair is placed on the platform, and I'm watching Nana train the slave soldiers from there.

Althea is standing beside me. She is wearing a hood over her head, looking exactly like the first time I met her.

"It is completely different from the beginning"

"Is that so?"

"Can't you tell? Although you are here, they do not mind you at all. When they had just started training, they tried to show their excellent skills, but now that they can concentrate, they are moving in a completely different way"

"It's all thanks to Nana. She's supervising them very well"

"That is only half of it"

"What about the other half?"

Althea did not answer. She just quietly looked at the slave soldiers in training.

Smart women often make this kind of suggestive conversations. And those really smart women not only end with suggestive talk, but it is really meaningful.

And it is quite fun thinking about what it is.

Leaving aside whether my answer would be correct.

"In reality, how much do you think they've grown?"

"I believe that the platoon captains have grown enough that they are equal to vice commander class in other kingdoms. Especially Nikki and Neora. There might be even monarchs who would say those two should lead an army"

"He~"

That's quite amazing, making Althea praise them that much.

“More than that, it’s her”

“Her?”

When I asked back, Althea reached out her hand.

What came out from under the cloak that covered her whole body was a young and vivacious white finger.

That finger is pointing at Nana who is supervising the slave soldiers.

“Nana Kanou. The War Princess that was once defeated. She is starting to show dignity, no a great presence. Just standing there, she looks clearly different from the others. That is already... an overlord class”

“Of course”

“Without a doubt”, I thought.

Even within my women, Nana is a good woman who is outstanding.

She’s strong, beautiful, and cool as well.

Althea evaluated Nikki and Neora saying that there are monarchs who would make them lead an army, but if it’s Nana, I’ll make her the commander in chief when I would think of conquering the world.

She has the weakness that she’s not that good living her private life, but she is such a good woman that that was not even a minus.

Honestly speaking.

“I would like to be enemies with her once again. In all seriousness”

I wouldn’t be in that kind of a relationship with Nana anymore, but I think that even if that happens, it would be fun for sure.

Ahh, I really feel it would be so fun. It would be absolutely fun. Fighting against Nana as enemies using my full strength.

“The most frightening thing about her is... “

“Un?”

“It is that she makes you say those lines with that kind of expression”

“What kind of expression is it?”

I touched my own face.

“It was that expression of a child when they received a toy for the first time”

“That example is hard to understand”

I don’t know, but it should have a meaning since it’s a woman like Althea who said it.

And while thinking of that, I watched the training.

While watching, I started the topic that made me drag Althea this much.

“Teach me about the Solon Church”

“That is today’s topic huh”

Althea turned towards me. I can’t tell her expressions very well because it’s covered by her hood.

“That’s right”

“Why wouldn’t you ask Melissa?”

“I thought I should ask from the outside first. You seemed to be the most knowledgeable from its exterior”

She’s even called the Great Sage Althea after all.

“That might be true. What would you like to know about the Solon Church?”

“About their boss”

“The human one? Or the God?”

“Does it exist? A god”

“There is an existence like that. Though it would depend on your view if it is really a god”

Summarizing what I heard from Althea, it's like this.

Solon Church is a religion that worships Solon, the only God in this world.

Solon is not only an existence in imagination, but he is an absolute god as well as the incarnation of mercy that would appear in the “day of coming” once a year, and causes various kinds of miracles.

In fact, there are countless devout followers who were saved by the God's miracle.

Unlike other religions, the phenomenon of “god descends and creates miracles” is clearly confirmed, so the number of the devout followers is incomparable of that of the other religions, and it is currently the world's largest religion—at least that's what Althea said.

“You said that it depends on my view if it's a real god or not right?”

“Yes”

“What about you?”

“I think that it might be an immortal wizard, or maybe one from the demon race which is good at method and tricks of a magician”

“I see”

“...it is the latter, huh”

“Mu!”

“Ara, I was right huh”

Althea said seemingly a little surprised. She got me.

I didn't think that she would make a bluff so casually. It looks like my face couldn't help but show a reaction.

Well, whatever. It's not like it would be troublesome if Althea finds out.

Rather than that, I remembered since it's about “face”.

“Hey, Althea. Why are you wearing your hood? You've rejuvenated right now right?”

I said and took her hand.

It was exactly the same when she pointed at Nana. A young and beautiful hand.
The hand of a peerless beauty.

“We’re in public you know. This looks more like a Great Sage right?”

“And then? The real reason is?”

Althea’s hand that I was holding trembled.

“...as I’ve thought”

“You were bluffing”

“I just returned the favor”

“What a hateful man”

“And so?”

“I don’t want it to be seen. The Great Sage Althea’s face”

“n?”

“I finally became ‘just’ Althea too”, she whispered next.

She said quietly but unfortunately, my ears are good so I heard all of it.

“Althea”

I grabbed her hand, pulled her to me, and put her on my lap.

I took off her hood and revealed the face of a peerless beauty.

“We’re done talking”

“...alright”



She became just Althea and with that face, she leaned her body towards mine.

I embraced Althea and watched the slave soldiers training while stroking her cheek and lips.

It was a good, relaxing time.

After a while, Miu ran towards me from the mansion.

Her face was unusually restless and panicking.

“Master!”

“What is it?”

“A-An envoy came”

“Envoy?”

“It’s Aegina’s... uhm, an envoy from the Prime Minister Prince-sama”

I narrowed my eyebrows.

Prime Minister Prince... ? Kimon is dead right?

“Did you hear what they came for?”

“I am a maid, so I was not told the details. They only told me it’s about rewards and orders”

It’s like she’s saying there’s a good news and a bad news.

“I need to go huh”, I stood up and walked towards the mansion.

CHAPTER 161

BRAGGING

There are two drawing rooms in the mansion.

Miu is changing the room where she would lead them depending on the visitor.

The criteria for that is quite clear.

It is whether Miu is cautious or not.

Furthermore, whether it is my enemy or not. She changes the place she would lead them to depending on that.

And, she would be usually correct. Does she have something she bases it on, or is it the sixth sense unique to the beast-kin? (I don't know whether it exists though... I feel that it does) Anyways, she would often be correct with near a hundred percent chance.

This time—it's with caution.

When I entered the drawing room for caution, a man protected by two guards is standing.

He had his hands together behind him looking out the window, but he slowly turned towards me when I entered the room.

His face is smiling, but his eyes are that that completely looks down on me.

"You are Lord Baron Yuuki"

"Yeah"

"I have come in the imperial command of the King of Aegina Kingdom, His Majesty Ion Heracles Aegina. Listen carefully"

It's a name I heard before. It's the name I heard when the envoy from five kingdoms including Helene came.

The King, in short, Kimon's father huh.

After the man said that, he reached out with his palm to the side.

One guard took out a scroll and placed it there. His movements were very careful, as if he was handling a fragile item.

The man opened the scroll and read its contents with a weird intonation.

Its contents were... I don't know.

The words used were all difficult and tricky, and I can't tell what's it all about.

He's saying heaven and earth this and that, eternally something and that and this.

[It's the fixed phrases made for times like these]

Something like the greetings in seasonal letters? If so, then I really don't need to listen to it.

That... continued for more than a minute.

"Kakeru Yuuki will be bestowed the title of the Viscount. Accept it gladly"

The reason he came for was so simple, I got surprised instead.

"...haa"

"What, are you dissatisfied?"

"...no"

That's not true at all, seriously.

After all, that really doesn't matter. I don't care at all becoming a Viscount from a Baron.

The reason why I reacted was because all that he wanted to say was that after that very long intro.

Well, there's no use saying that though.

"I'll thankfully receive it"

The man's eyebrows twitched profusely. His face is smiling but his eyes aren't.

He probably reacted to some of my reaction and felt angry inside.

Well, that doesn't matter too.

The man continued with a stiff face.

“One more thing. These are the words of the First Princess of Aegina Kingdom, Her Highness the “Stable Leader”, Selene Mi Aegina”

“Kyuubanchou?”

Is that a bird or something?

“[I want to see your face. Come here right away]. Her Highness ordered to pass the message in original text”

“Haa... “

What the heck is that?

“What are you doing? It is Her Highness’s command. Immediately prepare to set off”

“Eh? Right now?”

I didn’t think it was really “right away”, so I was a little surprised.



I don’t care about that Viscount or something, but I’m interested in Aegina’s princess. So, to go and meet her, I first warped to Malonei which is nominally Aegina’s territory. In Delfina Merchant Company, in Delfina’s room.

I warped there, but Delfina was not around.

I got out of the room and came to out to the corridor.

“Kya!”

A scream was raised, I bumped into someone.

“You are... “

It's Deflina's subordinate, the beautiful woman with glasses. Her name... what was it again?

I can't remember.

“Delfina-sama is currently in the middle of something”

“Something?”

“An emissary came from Aegina. She is currently accompanying them”

“He~? Aegina. I wonder if it's about Kimon”

“I was not told that far”

“I see”

The glasses woman gestured and left.

Aegina's emissary huh.

I want to know what they're talking about.

I heightened my hearing, and picked up Delfina's voice that is inside the building.

I found it. While I'm at it, I also picked up the voice she's talking to... found it.

While concentrating to only hear their voices, I leaned my back against the wall in the corridor.

【These are the words of the First Princess of Aegina Kingdom, Her Highness the “Martial Warrant Officer”, Selene Mi Aegina】

Junbuii?

Wasn't she “Kyuubanchou” earlier?

[Muu...]

“What is it? Eleanor”

[No, I just thought it was strange]

“What is?”

[If my memories are correct, Aegina’s government official system starts from the 17th rank. The Stable Leader is ranked 17th, and Martial Warrant Officer is ranked 16th. Both of them are names of lower-level officials. And it is impossible for a princess to have them]

“The way it was named is the same with the “Prime Minister Prince” huh”

[I can understand that one. Although the title is different, it is not rare for a member of the royal family to become the prime minister]

“...I see. It’s like a president of a company being appointed as chief executive officer huh”

[I don’t know about that example... but there is probably no doubt]

I see, that is really strange.

“It was Stable Leader ranked 17th in my case, and now it’s Martial Warrant Officer ranked 16th huh. She got promoted”

[A kingdom’s princess playing play-promotion? Impossible]

Eleanor scoffed. That’s true. It’s impossible.

It’s no use worrying about the impossible. I concentrated once again and picked up Delfina’s conversation.

【Yuuki-sama’s information?】

【Umu. Her Highness orders to tell everything unreservedly】

【We know that you are deeply related with Viscount Yuuki】

【Yuuki-sama brings us much profit】

【We do not need your obscurity. Her Highness has said that no matter what

relationship you have with the Viscount, it would be overlooked at this moment. That is, as long as you give us his information】

【Please excuse my rudeness, but we are merchants. Extracting information from merchants without compensation is out of the question】

【What do you want?】

【The secret agreement with His Highness Kimon. Please leave it as it is】

【This town's leasehold huh. It is granted】

【You answered immediately huh】

【You have expected how it would be right? This fox】

【Please call me money monger】

It looks like Delfina is a hand better in sarcasm.

However, my information huh.

Telling me to go and meet her, extracting information from Delfina.

It looks like I'm being quite conscious of, maybe I should take caution.

[She might have just fallen for you though?]

I ignored those words.

【Well then, let me hear it】

【Let me see. Described in a word, he is the greatest man】

【Fumu?】

【Unprecedented and unparalleled, the first and probably the last. The strongest and the most magnificent man in the world. The man closest to God in the history of men, perfect and faultless】

“ .. ”

What is this, what is it called again, mumumu.

[She's quite fallen for you huh]

“ “
...

It was very difficult to ignore the words this time.

CHAPTER 162

THE STRONGEST ALLY

After that guy from Aegina left, I entered the room where Delfina is.
The instant I entered the room, I felt something is wrong and stopped.

“Is there something wrong?”

“Isn’t this room a little strange? I feel something’s wrong”

“That is”

Delfina smiled elegantly.

“It is because it is a room made so that I would be looked down on”

“Looked down?”

“The layout, furnishings, decoration, and arrangement. This is a room that is architecturally and magically built so that I would be looked down upon. It is a room needed to entertain guests that need that”

“Something like that exists?”

“Making the customer thoroughly flattered, that makes the business deals go well right?”

“He~. You’re doing a lot of things huh. “But... “

I gave Delfina a deep look.

I felt something strange about the room, but if someone would ask me if I could see Delfina differently, that’s not true at all.

She looks just as usual.

“It does not have an effect with Kakeru-sama”

“Is that so?”

“Rather, I am making myself seem bigger in Kakeru-sama’s company”

“It’s built quite intricately”

“With just this room, it costs ten times that of Kakeru-sama’s mansion”

“So expensive!”

As expected of a wealthy merchant who has assets equal to that of a kingdom. The things she does isn’t ordinary. Like paying ten times the price of a mansion just for one room.

I sat in front of that Delfina.

“How’s Malonei doing?”

“Since then, the riots have disappeared, and it almost returned to normal. From how the situation seems, it looks like His Highness Kimon was the culprit after all”

“I see, good then”

“Though, right now, I don’t really care about this town anymore”

“Fu~n?”

What does she mean by that?

“Rather than that, there are several interesting movements. Within the Aegina Kingdom that is”

“For example?”

“First, it was announced that His Highness Kimon fell ill. At the same time, the renouncement of the Prime Minister Prince”

“Fell ill? He’s already dead though”

“It was announced ostensibly. They are probably planning to announce that he passed away at a right time later”

“He~”

“Within that, the one who’s making interesting actions is the lord of that person from earlier. The First Princess, Selene Mi Aegina”

“I wanted to hear about that. That person, didn’t she have a weird post title? On top of that, she got promoted(?) too”

“What did the envoy that visited His Excellency the Viscount said?”

Delfina also guessed that I also came here because of my new noble title huh.

“It was Stable Leader”

“Just a while ago, it was Stable Manager. And today, it’s Martial Warrant Officer”

“Stable Manager... below the Stable Leader huh”

“Yes, one rank below”

“Is she really... getting promoted?”

“About that. It is conceivable that her goal is to become Prime Minister Prince(ss). However, although she’s a princess, only the king can appoint someone from no rank to the highest rank. On the other hand, it is possible even for a princess if she promotes herself one step at a time. Meaning—”

“Ahh, you mean it’s a loophole in the system huh”

“As expected of Kakeru-sama, that is exactly right”

It was like that huh.

“However, that might be difficult as well”

“Why?”

“I do not know if it is her own shallow thinking—”

Delfina, she clearly said it’s shallow thinking.

“—or the person who suggested it was really a fool, after a certain line, military exploits are needed to get promoted in the Aegina Kingdom”

“Military exploits... you mean merits from war”

“Yes, that’s why, she would probably get stuck at some point”

“It’s like that huh”

I thought that something very interesting is happening, but with that talk right now, it’s a letdown.

I got a little disappointed.

“That is why—”

The door was knocked. A woman entered the room.

It's a familiar face. It's the glasses woman that's a subordinate of Delfina.

“Delfina-sama, we received message from the Aegina Kingdom”

“Message?”

“They said that they would dispatch soldiers to subjugate the band of thieves “Red Beak Gang” whose headquarters lay near Malonei's outskirts”

“Reply to them saying I understood”

“Yes. Also... there is one point of concern”

“What?”

“The subjugation army will be lead by the Flying Hawk General, Issigonis... but, uhm, in the campaign... “

“Is someone else coming?”

“...Selene huh”

When I said that, Delfina realized as well, and the glasses woman silently nodded.

“There is information about the First Princess, Her Highness the Martial Lieutenant, Selene Mi Aegina would accompany them”

“She got promoted again. She's walking straight towards the success road”

It somewhat sounded interesting. Selene sounds interesting, getting “promoted” although she's a princess.

The glasses woman left after finishing her report, and Delfina and I were left alone again.

“It looks like she knows that she needs military exploits”

“That seems to be the case. However, just subjugation of bandits will not be enough at all”

“A huge war or achievements that are equal to that are needed. For example, fighting against Kakeru-sama and rescuing His Highness Kimon”

“...he~. That’s good enough huh”

“Kakeru-sama, are you planning something?”

“How did you know?”

“Anyone could guess if they could see that bad face. What are you planning to do?”

I grinned and stood up.

“It sounds interesting, so I’ll help her get promoted”

I said that and warped away.



Let alone in that room, Delfina made a faint wry smile.

“It looks like preparations to get on the side of the “next” Prime Minister Prince(ss) is needed”

She whispered to herself.

CHAPTER 163

THE LOVELY HELENE

After returning to the mansion, I searched for Miu first.

I listened carefully and caught her sound.

“This way huh”

I went towards the only place where movement sounds exist in the mansion.

It was the drawing room that I arrived to. There wasn't Miu inside, but instead, Hikari and Helene were there.

Hikari is on top of Helene's knee, and the two of them looks like they're having a fun conversation.

“Ah! It's Otou-san”

“Excuse me for disturbing, Kakeru-sama”

“You came huh”

“Yes. I just had something to do in Reiusu, so I came to visit”

“I see... is Miu not around?”

I asked Helene while sharpening my hearing.

There are no other sounds of movement inside the mansion.

“Miu-oneechan came out to go shopping~”

“I see. I just wanted to ask whether Io came”

“If it's Io-san, she said that she cannot come for a few days”

“n?”

“What do you mean?”, I asked Helene with a look.

“I have asked her to go to a certain place as a quest”

“Helene’s quest?”

“Yes. A person who is skilled and could be trusted was needed”

“I see. That’s why you came to Reiusu and asked Io huh”

Helene nodded silently.

“But, I see. Helene beat me to it huh. It’s a quest that would take days right?”

“Yes. Does Kakeru-sama wants to ask Io-san as well?”

“I just wanted to act as an adventurer and infiltrate some place. I thought that having the real thing with me would make me look like one”

“Shall I call Io-san back?”

“No, it’s fine”

Helene went out on her way to give her the quest.

A quest personally asked by Mercouri’s princess. If she was able to complete that, she should gain prestige as an adventurer.

Rather than calling her back, it’s better if she focuses on that.

“I’d be able to do something in my case”

“Are you going to infiltrate?”

“Yeah”

I thought for a second, then decided to tell Helene in detail.

I told her about the princess in Aegina doing something weird and how I thought that it was interesting.

“That’s why, I just thought I should help her on her ascendance”

“It is a very Kakeru-sama-way of thinking”

“Is that so?”

“Yes”

Helene nodded and gently smiled.

A beautiful, elegant smile that is almost unchanged from when I came to this world. What a good woman. She’s a good woman from the start... and felt like a completed, good woman.

And I started to want such a good woman feel a little troubled.

“Wanna come with me?”

“Eh?”

“Let’s go and help the Aegina princess in her ascendance together”

Stunned, Helene looked as if her eyes would pop out.

I was planning to bring Io with me in the first place. Io’s not from Aegina, but she’s an adventurer.

There would be nothing strange at all if she got involved with something like this. But Helene is different. She is Mercouri’s princess, and she’s one of the pillars in the military called “Teresia’s Twin Flowers”.

And it would originally be absurd for her to interfere with Aegina’s internal affairs.

As a proof of that, Helene had a face that tells she did not expect that at all.

That face had a charm on it, and Helene looked a couple more lovelier than her usual self.

Just seeing that expression, made me feel it was worth it messing with her.

And on top of that.

“Please let me accompany you”

Helene nodded with an excited and mischievous expression just like a child.

Seeing her innocent face for the first time, I thought that it was really worth it mentioning it to her.

CHAPTER 164

PRESENCE

The Aegina Kingdom's regular army.

The five thousand soldiers that the Thousand Knight • Flying Hawk General leads are currently attacking a certain fortress.

Just a while ago, that fortress had been occupied by a group of bandits.

Their name was "Red Beak Gang".

They did not do many crimes, and because they were a small force of only about a hundred people, it was a gang that was left alone. However, there are currently five thousand of Aegina's regular soldiers pushing towards them.

Inside the tent protected by 5000 men, that Issigonis whispered.

"To think that I will fight a battle with this much difference between forces"

"Did you say anything?"

What reacted to Issigonis's whisper was a young girl that was not suitable for this place.

The Aegina Princess, Selene Mi Aegina.

She is accompanying the army as a Martial Lieutenant.

...nominally, that is.

Issigonis answered the selfish princess who made him fall into this situation with a tone that suppressed his emotions.

"It was nothing. I just thought that it's about time for the scouts to return"

"Fu~n"

Selene did not seem interested.

After a while, just like Issigonis's excuse, the scouts came to report.

Selene narrowed her eyes and tried not to look at that man who was dirty all around

because of infiltrating, and Issigonis treated him normally.

“How was it?”

“It is confirmed. There are a total of 200. All of them are inside the fortress”

“It increased compared to the previous information huh. Well, even so, it’s still only 200”

“Basilios!”

Issigonis shouted with a loud voice and one young man rushed in from outside the tent.

“Ha!”

“Order the whole army to initiate the attack”

“The whole army?”

The young soldier asked “are you sane?” with his eyes.

Issigonis glanced at Selene(without her noticing).

“It’s victory. All nothing but victory”

Basilios gave a bitter smile.

After making the expression “Lord General have it hard too huh”.

“Understood. I shall send that order”

He said and left.

“Issigonis”

“Yes”

“What should I do?”

“I believe it is alright to just stay here. I will be staying here as well. As a commander, one must steadily wait at times of victory. When in defeat, one must run away”

“Run away?”

“Yes. It would be a serious thing if the commander in chief were caught or killed. My job is to lend all of my authority to a subordinate and immediately escape”

“Fu~n”

Selene said with no interest.

“She probably doesn’t understand it”, Issigonis thought.

That is fine as well. It is only a promotion-game by a royalty.

The reason why a huge army was moved is because of the thought of not wanting the soldiers to die because of that game.

It became 5000 vs 100—200, but there should be almost no fatalities with this difference between numbers.

It is also not impossible to have no casualties if they stick with long-range attacks.

(I hope that this thing ends in a hurry)

While thinking of that, Issigonis waited for the report of their victory.

The report of their victory would not come no matter how much he waited.

The sounds of battle have yet to stopped—the battle has not yet ended.

The battle continued far longer than what Issigonis expected.

“What is happening?”, it was that time when he started to have doubts.

“Report?!”

Basilios rushed into the tent in a hurry with unsteady steps.

“What happened?”

“The first 500-men cohort, wiped out!”

“What did you say?!”

“What? What’s going on?”

Ignoring Selene, he asked Basilios.

“What do you mean by wiped out? What happened? What have they done? Is it magic? Was it a trap?”

“No, they clashed head-on... and they were wiped out”

“Head-on... ? Don’t tell me!”

Issigonis became pale, and asked.

“T-The opponent is? Is it a man? I-Is it a man wielding two swords?”

“We do not know”

“Find out immediately! If it’s a man wielding two swords, immediately order retreat! This is a highest grade command that you do not need to confirm!”

“Eh? B-But the opponents are just 200—”

“In this situation, can’t you understand even you’re told about a man wielding two swords?!”

Issigonis shouted.

His calmness from earlier disappeared.

Seeing that Issigonis’s expression, the young man Basilios had a pale face.

“—Demon Sword Wielder!”

“That’s right”

“Understood!”

Basilios rushed out of the tent.

After a while, he returned to report.

“General! It was not a man wielding two swords. The bandits’ leader is a woman with long hair”

“I-I see... “

Issigonis clearly looked relieved.

It was not the Demon Sword Wielder. Since they're saying it's a woman, it shouldn't be a disguise as well.

That made him eased in mind.

"What the heck is going on!"

Selene was making a fuss since earlier.

Knowing that it's not the Demon Sword Wielder, he had the leisure of taking the company of this selfish princess.

"Please forgive me, Your Highness. It might have been the worst situation"

"What worst situation?"

"The opponent might have been the Demon Sword wielder. In other words, it might have been a Viscount of our Kingdom, His Excellency Kakeru Yuuki-sama"

"Viscount? Why is a guy like that, I mean, what so if he came"

"We will be annihilated"

Issigonis said in the simplest way.

Hearing that, Selene looked dumbfounded.

"Ha? What stupidity are you talking about. We have 5000 here you know"

"Even ten thousand would not be enough"

Issigonis clearly declared furthermore.

"As you know, he is an owner of powers that could individually decimate a Red Dragon. An existence that mercilessly ignores all strategy—"

"Ha? Red Dragon? What's that"

Hearing Selene say that, Issigonis looked down at her for just an instant. The reason that it was only for an instant is probably because he got used to it.

(Not mentioning Olivia Incident, she doesn't even know what a Red Dragon is)

While sighing secretly inside, he fixed his expression and attitude, and continued.

"Anyways, it means that it is a dangerous opponent. However, if it is not so, then there is no need to worry"

"Fu~n. But, he's just a Viscount, right?"

"...it is exactly as Her Highness says"

Issigonis almost rolled his eyes. He thought that there's no use saying more than that, so he decided not to.

After a while, Basilios came again.

"Report. They are desperately resisting, but we are gradually pushing them back. They should be annihilated soon"

"I see. Fumu, if so, then that woman is such a waste. Although she's an enemy, it is too bad to let her die"

"I completely agree"

"And, if possible, I don't want to have more casualties than this. Is there any other way?"

"Please stop joking. Lord General should have already thought of a way"

"I just want to hear many opinions. From experience, I know that there would be one or two better opinions than what I have if I ask ten subordinates"

"Ten of them, only then that they are equal to Lord General huh"

Basilios gave a wry smile.

"If so, then rather than sending in ordinary soldiers, we must send a few people who have confidence in their skills with honor and title as a bait"

"Hou"

"On the side, it would be scouting out talents as well. This incident especially, the new

recruits seem very tired”

“Let me see, let’s do that then”

“Is it alright?”

“I’m just thinking the same way”

“I see”

Issigonis turned to Selene.

“Is it fine, Your Highness”

“What?”

“...about what we talked about right now. About inviting volunteers who can break the opponent’s defense with promotion as a bait”

“Promotion? Then, I’ll go”

“Please wait!”

Issigonis stopped her in a hurry.

With an expression that says that he did not expect she would react like that, he couldn’t help but make a loud voice.

“It is not a significant thing that needs Her Highness presence”

“But, it’s promotion, right? I came here for that”

“Come to think of it, that’s right”, Issigonis gave a wry smile.

“Well then, how should I calm her down”, when he was thinking about that.

Basilios opened his mouth instead.

“Please forgive this lowly one to speak. Within military exploits, there are achievements through appointment and recommendation”

“What’s that?”

“It is the merits acquired by someone who found an excellent talent. For commanders and civil officers, it is treated more importantly”

“He~”

Issigonis met eyes with Basilios who said that, and got relieved.

(That’s good)

Thinking of that, he added up.

“Most of the military exploits that made by the one recommended will be given to the person who recommended them. By recommending several people, if they were all able to make achievements, it is possible for one person to earn military exploits for several people”

“What, that sounds good”

“That is why, we will bring several candidates, so we would like to ask Her Highness to pick someone within them”

“I see, that’s right, I got it”

Issigonis brought Basilios out of the tent.

“Good job”

“Not at all. I’m just also relieved that I was able to help as well”

“However, babysitting is more difficult than I imagined”

“I did not hear anything”

“I’ll confirm this just to be sure. It’s really not the Demon Sword Wielder right?”

“We did not find the appearance of such a man. And, although it is just a little, we are pushing them”

“I see. If it were really the Demon Sword Wielder, we wouldn’t be able to push in even just a little”

“Is he really that much? The man called Demon Sword Wielder”

“It’s an opponent that I don’t want to encounter as an enemy in my whole life. That is... traumatizing”

“...I will pray that it would not be so”

Issigonis made a bitter face and Basilios gulped.

The two of them does not know.

The Demon Sword Wielder that they do not wish to become enemies with.

Just, right now.

He was just by their side.

CHAPTER 165

THE HAPPINESS UNLOOKED-FOR

Midnight, at a distance from the fortress that the “Red Beak Gang” has occupied.
I am looking at that fortress with Helene and Nana.

“We should just capture that? Helene”

“Yes. If possible, tonight. It would be the best if what’s inside was exchanged as if nothing has happened tomorrow morning”

“You heard her. Nana?”

“Please leave it to us. What should we do after occupying it?”

With her usual military tone, Nana stared at me and asked.

She means that it’s easy to take it down, but what next?

“Please barricade yourselves there for a while and act like a bandit group. Within a few days, the Aegina army should come for the subjugation. At that time, I will give instructions once again, but expect that there would be a battle”

“Understood”

Nana nodded and led the slave soldiers that have stationed at some distance from us and departed.

Helene and I saw them off.

Nana and the slave troops disappeared into the darkness of the night with their formation in perfect order.

After a while, Helene was impressed.

“Amazing... there is almost no sounds of footsteps. If I did not see them leave with my eyes, I would not have believed that they are there”

“It looks like they’re having that kind of training”

I had Nana report that to me from time to time.

Marching without making sounds as much as possible. She trained the slave soldiers to be able to do that.

If they seriously moved like that, it would become so quiet that even I can't detect them unless I concentrated in my hearing.

Helene and I stayed there for a while to watch.

The slave soldiers that seemed like a ninja army annihilated the 100-men gang within an hour, and occupied the fortress.



Helene and I are watching the Aegina army attack the fortress from the same place when the slave troops attacked.

Unlike that time, it was not a surprise night attack, but an all-out attack while the sun is out.

"It's a miscalculation... "

Helene whispered. Her graceful beauty was unusually distorted and she was biting her lower lip.

"What is?"

"To think that they would bring such a huge army... I had thought that it would only be around 1000"

"Don't mind it. It's just right to expect that. There's... roughly 5000 of them. No one could expect that they would dispatch that much force for just 100 bandits"

"Yes... "

My consolation did not reach Helene that much.

Nonetheless, that is the truth.

Just like the words I used to console her. Who'd expect that a 5000-men army would come to subjugate 100 bandits?

Even her prediction of 1000 could be said that it's too much already. A thousand regular soldiers and a hundred bandits. It's already overkilling with that.

Even so, Helene still felt crestfallen.

"There's no use feeling down about it too much..." I thought, and forcefully continued the conversation.

"Rather than that, what are we going to do next?"

"...originally, the plan was, Nana-san and the rest would resist, and at the right time, Kakeru-sama would infiltrate the Aegina army. Kakeru-sama would name himself while they are having difficulties in their offensive, subjugate the band of thieves instead, and get into their side"

"A charade, no, a little different huh"

Helene nodded.

"It is essentially the same. However, if there are 5000 as an opponent... if it were only 1000, Nana-san and the other 200 would be able to trouble them moderately..."

"Essentially huh, then, let's do that essence to its limit"

"Eh?"

"Tanya"

I touched Eleanor and called out the maid ghost that possesses her.

The transparent ghost that flew up from the Demon Sword, Tanya Chichiakis.

Being called, she looked at me with a cute expression.

"Send this message to Nana. Tell her to wait until I come"

[Un, I'll go~]

After saying that, she flew towards the fortress.

"Kakeru-sama?"

"The most important thing is that I hide my identity and take care of the opponent that troubles the Aegina army with a few people right?"

“Yes”

“If so, the more the opponents are, the more effective it is”

“That is true, but... “

“Nana should be able to do it”

“Is she?”

“It would be difficult for her to wipe all of them out though. Aegina would also want to quickly do something about it right?”

“That is right”

“If so, we should also start infiltrating”

“Yes, please be careful”

She said with a graceful gesture.

She acted like she was an obedient wife seeing out her husband, or a maid seeing out her master.

She acted like that, but I could feel a unique elegance if she’s the one doing it.

Even within my women, Helene is the noblest, and it looks very picturesque when she’s acting like this.

Although we’re on the side of a battlefield, I couldn’t help but want to continue looking at her.

No, rather than that.

“Not please be careful, but you’re coming too”

“Eh? But, it wouldn’t be an infiltration if I’m with you”

“...u~n”

That’s true.

A woman as beautiful as Helene, she’s a princess no matter how you look at her, and it’s really impossible for her to be mixed with the soldiers.

“Even if you disguised, you’ll be found with your aura after all”

“It might be Kakeru-sama who would be found with his aura. Please be careful so that

they cannot tell that Kakeru-sama is the Demon Sword Wielder”

“...I need to go while hiding my aura huh”

I thought with a hand on my jaw.

I didn’t think about it carefully, but it is really better to do something about it.

Recently, I’m releasing my aura almost unconsciously during fights, so I need to hide that.

Physically, I should only have Eleanor and Hikari stand-by in my Different Dimension Warehouse, and take them out when I need to use her.

About my own disguise...

“Aura... hiding my aura. ... hide, my aura”

“Kakeru-sama?”

“...just look from there, Helene”

I said to make Helene wait and took the two Demon Swords in hand.

[Otou-san, what are you going to do?]

“I want to do something. Tell me if you think it’s impossible”

After saying that, I sent to Eleanor and Hikari what I’m thinking inside.

[This image... I see, it’s quite impressive that you can think of something like this]

“Is it possible?”

[It depends on your talent]

“All depends on me huh”

[Otou-san can definitely do it!]

Hikari, just like her line, it feels like she completely believes in me.

I closed my eyes, shaped up the image inside my head, and pulled out the power bypassing the Demon Sword.

A dark aura was released from the Demon Sword and a thin film enveloped my whole body.

“Kakeru-sama, where are you... ? Was it teleportation? No, he had not taken out the feather”

Helene got surprised and looked around.

“Success huh”, I thought and placed my hand around her, pulling her to me.

“Kya! Kakeru-sama! You were here”

The instant I pulled her to me, the instant the aura enveloped her, she became able to see me.

“I was here all the time”

“I could not see you. Was it because of the aura?”

“You understood quickly. That’s right”

The aura that enveloped me and Helene, it’s a new type of aura I created.

“What is happening?”

“How should I explain this, it’s like, when it’s too bright so you can’t see instead?”

I did it, and succeeded.

That’s fine and all, but it’s difficult to explain the principle.

It’s also different with optical camouflage. Ultrasonic waves may be the closest.

“As long as we’re inside this, no one can see us. In theory, no one would be able to tell unless they have powers equal to Eleanor and Hikari”

“If so, then it’s perfect”

I nodded.

It’s already perfect with just Eleanor, but Hikari is added to that as well.

I can’t imagine the possibility of someone seeing through it.

“I did it in impromptu, but it unexpectedly went well”

Ever since I created the aura technique with the lottery treasure, I noticed that I could do many other things.

This time was also an improvisation of that.

“As expected of Kakeru-sama, to think that he’s able to do such a thing so easily. It’s different from that time...”

Helene whispered with emotion.

I’ve had a long relationship with her—she’s the first woman I met in this world.

I have known her even before obtaining Eleanor and before Hikari was born.

She knows the process, when I obtained the Demon Sword, and when I gradually mastered to use it.

It’s because of that that she’s able to say that.

“You’re also quite different from that time”

“Is that true?”

“You became a good woman”

“If so, then it is all thanks to Kakeru-sama”

“Well, let’s go on a date then. In the middle of Aegina army”

I pulled Helene to me with my hand around her.

Helene narrowed her eyebrows, looking a little troubled because of the difference of my line and what we’re about to do, but after that, she leaned her body to mine, not looking unwilling at all.



In the middle of the Aegina army. Inside the tent where the general is.

With camouflage... enveloped by that aura, Helene and I watched the conversation of the Aegina princess and her subordinate general from start to end.

Thanks to the aura, we were able to see all of that as if we became invisible.

“That is why, we will bring several candidates, so we would like to ask Her Highness to pick someone within them”

“I see, that’s right, I got it”

The princess nodded and the general and his subordinate left the tent.

“This is... how should I describe it... “

Helene narrowed her eyebrows and chose her words.

“An idiot huh”

“Kakeru-sama... “

“It’s true right? She doesn’t have the knowledge nor knows about the world. On top of that, she’s easy to win over”

“From how I felt it, she is also very stubborn that she would not change her mind on things she had decided inside her”

“If a shaman or a priestess was thrown to her, she might move the kingdom just like how they tell her”

With a troubled expression, Helene nodded to my comment.

“What shall we do? Honestly, I do not recommend getting involved with Princess Selene more than this”

“What are you saying? The fun is just getting started”

“Is that so. I understand”



I acted as a soldier and appeared in front of Selene.

There are two others, and both of them are young and have bright eyes that really make them look like they were baited by the promotion.

As if it was an interview, Selene asked our names one by one.

“You are?”

“Kake... no, I’m Shou”

“Shou? What a weird name. Rather than that, what is that in your arms? What are you holding?”

Selene pointed that out.

Actually, I’m still embracing Helene.

I limited the Demon Sword aura to only Helene, placing the camouflage on her.

That’s why other people can see me, but can’t see the Helene that I’m currently embracing.

As a result, my arms probably look like I’m holding something in a weird position.

“I’m holding the goddess of victory”

“What’s that?”

“I have never lost in a fight while in this pose”

“What’s that? Are you an idiot?”

Princess Helene scoffed.

“Your Highness, even fools and blunt scissors can be useful in the hands of a clever person”

The general followed up from the side.

“He is Issigonis, the Thousand Knight • Flying Hawk General. He is a famous general from the Aegina army”

Helene told me. She is speaking normally, but only I can hear her because of the aura.

[I can hear her as well]

[Hikari too~]

I gave Eleanor a flick of a finger for not reading the air.

I thought of putting them in my Different Dimension Warehouse, but I found out that even the Demon Sword can't be seen when they're enveloped by the aura, so I just carried them as usual.

“That's true. Even if he's a man with just words, losing one soldier isn't much”

“It is exactly as Her Highness says”

“Then, you guys. I'll give you an amazing reward if you defeat the enemy general, so go and do your best even if it kills you”

““Yes Your Highness!””

“Yeah”



I arrived at the frontlines with the two volunteers.

Were they told about it already? The soldiers have retreated, and we were sent forward.

And, just like that.

The two volunteers that rushed in front of me were slashed to death by Nana.

The two of them were split into two from their waists.

Were they really only that much?

“Let's go”

[They'll find out who you are if you use two swords]

Eleanor pointed that out.

Ahh, Issigonis also said “a man wielding two swords”.

If so, it should be better if I don't use two swords right now.

"The two of you, stand-by okay"

[Yeah]

[Un!]

I randomly picked up a longsword from a dead soldier around there and lightly swung it.

And then, I stood up in front of Nana.

Nana looked dumbfounded for an instant, but she immediately calmed down.

Nana was like that, but the slave soldiers behind her... the slave soldiers who have just finished a fierce battle made noises.

"Be quiet!"

Nana shouted.

"There is only one opponent, "just an enemy""

All of them shut up with those words. They stared—no, they glared at me.

As just an enemy.

It's not the first or second time that I fought against Nana and the slave soldiers.

We have fought seriously many times, ones that cannot be called as simply training.

This time, is only one of those times.

"Haaaaaa!"



Nana closed the distance in an instant and released a slash.
I received that with the longsword—but.
The instant I swung it, the longsword got destroyed as if it rotted.
Turning to dust—those words fitted the best way with how it got destroyed.

“Kakeru-sama!”

Helene shouted, I instinctively jumped back.

“What was that right now?”

[It would seem that ordinary swords cannot bear your strength. Use me or Hikari]
Having Eleanor told me that, I drew her almost the same time as I landed.
I swung back towards Nana who continued to attack without pausing.
Slash and slash. An exchange between those both having 100% additional attack.
The shockwave, it created a massive explosion that gouged the ground.
Nana jumped back. The Aegina soldiers behind me cheered.
They cheered because the opponent was finally pushed back.

“All of you, take the formation against Magical Beasts! That fellow is dangerous”

The slave soldiers moved at once with Nana’s command.
It’s a formation I’ve never seen before. However, there’s one thing I can tell.

“Many against one... it is literally a formation for fighting strong Magical Beasts”

Just like how Helene whispered with an impressed tone, that was a formation for 201 vs 1.

Nana prepared something like that huh. She surprises me as usual.
It should’ve been just a charade for me to infiltrate the Aegina army though.
Even so, it started to get fun fighting.

CHAPTER 166

KAKERU DANCING IN THE BATTLEFIELD

I exchanged blows with Nana.

Sure-kill slashes with combined speed, strength, and sill. The space that the edge passed through was coldly distorted.

I exchanged blows with her head on using Eleanor.

The instant we clashed, Nana narrowed her eyebrows.

“This feeling... Eleanor?”

She whispered.

She said silently only for me to hear—no, it probably wasn’t for me to hear as well.

It’s just, her doubt was so strong that she put it on words.

After all, right now, even Nana can’t see Eleanor, Hikari, and Helene.

From her point of view, she blocked something invisible that I’m holding.

And, she guessed that it felt like Eleanor.

It’s impressive that she could tell that.

[She is the human who had clashed with me the most after all. The most in history]

[Is she the most?]

Hikari said.

[After all, most of my opponents would usually be sent to the underworld after one or two fights]

Without bragging about it, Eleanor said it as if it was normal.

Come to think of it, that’s right.

Even after I started to use Eleanor, it was pretty much like that.

Most of the enemies would be easily taken down. It is also rare for me to take more than two slashes to defeat the enemy.

Nana—she’s on a different level.

And that Nana quickly jumped back.

She stole a glance at my other hand.

Her eyes were asking whether I'm holding Hikari or not.

I did not draw Hikari. I'm embracing Helene with that hand.

Well, there's no need to say that.

Nana should be able to guess it herself.

[...how envious]

[Is it envious?]

What does she mean by envious?

I tilted my head about what Eleanor whispered, but Nana continued her attack.

Slashes, slashes on top of slashes, she continuously attacked without pausing.

And while we were exchanging blows, numerous arrows and magic came flying towards me from behind.

It's the covering fire of the slave troops.

"Hmph!"

I pushed Nana back and swept the arrows and magic using Eleanor.

Nana once again closed the distance between us, continued her nonstop attack.

And the arrows and magic once again—.

I was slowly pushed back.

It's a little difficult fighting against Nana and the slave troops with Helene in my left arm.

And that Helene is making a face without worry.

She leaned her body towards me with a confident face.

"Eleanor and... Her Highness Helen huh"

Nana jumped back. I heard her murmur.

It looks like she understood that far.

“All of you, aim to his left”

The arrows and magic focused fire towards my left with Nana’s command.

[Kuku, she has no mercy]

[Nana-oneesan, amazing]

The mother and daughter Demon Swords got impressed. They expressed my feelings.

Nana, she’s amazing. To think that she would mercilessly attack my weak point on top of figuring it out.

That’s great, that’s how she should be.

“That’s how you should be”

Fighting against Nana was so fun.

It was so fun that I almost forgot my goal.



I defeated Nana and pushed her and the slave troops into the fortress.

The Aegina army slowly marched towards them from behind. And the time for talking, there’s probably about one minute for it.

First, I praised Nana.

“Good job. You raised your skills again”

“Much obliged”

“What should we do after this?”

I asked Helene this time.

She’s still enveloped by my aura so no one can see her, but Nana had already sensed that, and the slave troops have also guessed pretty much.

“Originally, we would have needed to capture her for once, but that is not needed anymore due to Kakeru-sama’s new power”

“Un?”

“Where are the corpses of the bandits?”

“Where’re the bandit’s corpses?”

Although Nana sensed her, she still can’t hear Helene speak so I told her instead.

“We have gathered them over there”

“What will we do with that?”

This is Helene’s idea.

“If they could be disguised as everyone with Kakeru-sama’s new power... “

“Ahh, we’ll give them a fake corpse huh”

“Yes”

Helene nodded.

That’s true. They’re the real bandits, the Red Beak Gang, but the ones the Aegina fought today is my slave troops.

At least, they should look like it temporarily.

“Nana, gather everyone”

“Ha! All of you, assemble”

The slave troops gathered with that command. I confirmed that all of them were there, then took them back to my mansion in Reiusu using the Warp Feather.

“Good job. You can spend your time now just as usual”

“Ha!”

I said thanks and kissed her.

And then, I warped back to the fortress.

“She said that it’s over there right?”

“Yes”

I went towards the direction Nana pointed to.

The corpses of the bandits were piled up there.

Using Eleanor and Hikari’s powers, I covered them with an enormous amount of aura.

The appearance of the bandit corpses changed.

“Go and take a look”

I said and let go Helene for once.

After leaving Eleanor’s aura, her eyes turned to normal.

“There is no problem. They really look like everyone”

“I see”

I pulled Helene to me once again.

I’m finished disguising them. With this, I have earned military exploits.

The charade was finished as scheduled.

And following that, the Aegina army rushed in.

The one in front was—Princess Selene.

She came riding a horse, got off, and ran towards me.

“You! You must become my subordinate!”

“Yeah... un?”

I almost nodded, but tilted my head.

It's a little weird.

I don't know where, but it's a little weird.

What's wrong?

[Is it because the incompetent looks very eager?]

Ahh, I see.

Un, that's right.

The plan was to make a charade and get into her side by selling her favor.

It's good that we reached that goal, but I felt something wrong when she strongly told me "become my subordinate".

"Issigonis!"

"Yes"

The general that followed behind her answered.

"Where's the next battlefield?"

"Ha?"

"Where's the next battlefield? Where are we going to fight next?"

"Please forgive me, I am unable to understand what Her Highness is speaking about"

"You're slow on the uptake you fool! I'm asking where's the next battlefield where he could fight beautifully just like earlier!"

Selene suddenly cursed her subordinate.

That means.

"It looks like she liked you more than expected. As expected of Kakeru-sama"

That seems, to be the case.

CHAPTER 167

THREE LORDS REGENCY

The battle has ended and the Aegina army started to withdraw from the fortress.

Selene is not walking not riding a horse, but is riding in a huge carriage.

It as wide as an eight tatami room (3.64 m × 3.64 m), has a roof, and feels like a simple living room.

It has huge wheels on both of its sides, and is pulled by 13 decorated horses.

When I saw it for the first time, I thought, “carriage? palanquin? camping car?”.

It’s a carriage with that kind of image.

By the way, it looks like 13 horses are the sign of a royalty.

“There is a regime even for carriages in Aegina. Resembling to the Xiphos, the King has 17 horses, the Queen and the Crown Prince has 15 horses, and the other members of the royal family has 13 horses—just like that, the number of horses they must use is decided”

When I was tilting my head about the 13 horses, Helene who’s still in my arms explained to me.

Selene is sitting across to me, but of course, she couldn’t hear it.

Right now, Helene is camouflaged by the Demon Sword, and no one can see her other than me.

However, that sounds interesting. Aegina has that kind of regime huh.

And when I was thinking of that, Selene talked to me.

“You, what’s your name?”

“It’s Shou”

“Shou... “

Selene whispered the alias I used and smiled.

Her eyes were shining brightly and are looking at me and my left hand back and forth.
Her eyes were like that of a heroine found in a shoujo manga.
Honestly, it's an unexpected reaction.

“Ne~, ne~, is Shou still embracing the goddess of victory?”

It's Helene who's there though.

“Yeah, she's here. I'm invincible as long as she's in my arms”

“Amazing!”

“K-Kakeru-sama... “

Their reactions were the opposite.

Selene had an excited smiling face.

Helene looked very red, and looked down shyly.

“Ahh, I want to see Shou fight right away~”

“Do you want to see it that much?”

“Un! After all, Shou's appearance when fighting is more beautiful than anything that I have ever seen! More than that of any painting, more than that of any dancer, more than that of any scenery and scenic spot”

Selene got enthused. Her eyes started to get filled with heat as well.

“Shou's appearance when fighting is the most beautiful!”

I didn't think of that.

I completely didn't think that my appearance when fighting looked beautiful.

Of course, this is also the first time someone told me that. No one has ever said that to me.

Selene, it looks like she's a holder of a rare sense of beauty.

“That’s why, just wait okay. I’ve already sent a messenger to Abraham. He’ll prepare the next battlefield immediately”

“Abraham?”

“My servant”

“...Abraham Papadopoulos. Aegina Kingdom Marquis. His title is the Royal Tutor”

Helene said.

“Royal Tutor?”, I asked her with a glance.

“It is the title bestowed to the person who is the tutor of prince and princesses, especially those who would raise their personality. Rather than those academic achievements, it is usually given to a person of character”

Something like that exists huh.

“However”, I looked at Selene.

Her personality became like this although she has an expert to educate her?

That doesn’t mean like it has a lot of meaning.

“I know! Shou, what do you wish for? I’ll do anything for you and buy anything, just tell me”

[Kukuku, she seems like a girl who doesn’t know the world, supporting a bad man]

I flicked Eleanor with a finger.

A beautiful sound was made, but of course, Selene did not hear it.

She is making shining eyes as usual and is staring at me.

“Anything?”

“Un, anything”

“I don’t need anything special. It’s fine as long as there’s a battlefield”

“Are you alright with just that?”

“Yeah”

I nodded.

“I came here, to make you Prime Minister Princess. The more the battlefields to fight in, the better it is”

“Shou... thank you!”

Selene looked touched with moist eyes.

How can I say this, she’s too easy.

No, I think she’s in a different level from being too easy.

How can I say this, un, she’s strange.

She’s quite strange, I thought.



In the Aegina Kingdom, in the capital of Rethim.

Selene’s carriage, having a “triumphal return”, passed through the castle town, and entered the royal palace at once.

“He~, what a beautiful palace. It’s like hanging gardens of Babylon”

“This is the famous “Summer Palace””

“Summer Palace? What is that?”

I asked back to Helene who seemed very moved.

“There are two palaces in Rethim. One is called the Winter Palace, and the other is here, which is called the Summer Palace. It is said that it was originally made by a King to make his Queen impressed, so it is far grander and beautiful than the original palace which is the Winter Palace”

“He~”

I looked around the palace.

This might be the most splendid and beautiful structure that I’ve ever seen.

I felt like wanting to walk around here and there like a tourist.

“You have returned, Your Highness”

One man appeared from the palace.

He made a respectful bow towards Selene who had just got out of the carriage.

“Abraham, did you find a battlefield?”

I see, this guy’s that Abraham huh.

Even so... that face.

[Did something happen?]

It looks like Eleanor noticed as well.

Abraham’s face, it looked like he’s driven to a corner.

“It is not the time for that”

“What, what do you mean it’s not the time for that”

Selene made a face that looked clearly dissatisfied.

The face she made earlier was unexpected, but this one’s a face that was within expectations.

It’s a face like a sulking child because things won’t go their way.

“Duke Melina has come to visit”

“Haa? What the heck did that gramps come for”

“It’s the Three Lord Regency”

“...ha?”

“Because there is government instability, they asked to restore the ancient system

“Three Lord Regency”“

“Haa? What is that? Make him go back. I’m going to be the Prime Minister Princess soon. Tell them grandpas aren’t needed”

“The kingdom will fall if we played along with a little girl’s game”

An old man appeared from the palace.

Loose robe, white beard.

With an appearance of a sage or a god with a single glance, that old man came out while glaring at Selene.

CHAPTER 168

REBEL DESIGNATION

“Thelios... “

Selene narrowed her eyebrows seeing that gramps appear.

She had odious eyes and tone, no matter how you look at it, they don't look friendly.

This gramps... who is he?

“Melina Ve Therios”

Helene who's I'm hugging answered.

“Aegina Kingdom Duke. Going back on time, they're are a family that has rendered distinguished service during the founding of the kingdom. For once, they were not blessed with a successor and that house almost ceased to exist, but it is a house was continued by welcoming an adopted child from the royal family”

I see, it looks like he's quite an important guy. I mean, this guy, doesn't that mean he's also part of the royal family?

I think that there's a similar story with the daimyos in Edo period. I wonder which clan was that again... I can't remember quite well.

When I was thinking of that, the gramps came in front of Selene.

Because of their difference between height, he naturally looked down at Selene, and she was angered by that.

“How contemptuous, Therios”

“Please forgive my rudeness. However, Your Highness, our House of Therios have received words from His Majesty the King six generations ago that we do not need to bow our heads no matter who it is in the Aegina Kingdom. Let me see, it is what they call chartered offender”

“What's the heck is that”

Selene cried with a shrill voice.

Melina's eyebrows twitched, but he immediately added with an exaggerated smile.

"What, Her Highness does not know about it? Oh, please excuse me, Princess Selene"

After getting surprised, he bowed his head in a strained manner. It's a histrionic gesture.

The instant he raised his head, it changed to a gaze of disdain that completely looks down on her.

I glanced at Helene.

"They received the reward of being allowed not to bow their heads up to their descendants to honor their achievements. Not to mention members of the royal family, it is also true to the King"

He~, that's amazing.

In short, it's that huh, the King from six generations said, "you did a great job, you and your descendants don't need to bow your heads to my descendants".

It's an amazing story. It's fine with the people concerned, but it's simply unbearable for the descendants.

"Therios, you, what in the world did you come for?"

"I wish to ask this honestly, Princess Selene. Where is His Highness the Crown Prince?"

"H-He's sick, resting somewhere"

"Where is he?"

Is it because the opponent is Melina, Selene's tone was somewhat that of a noble lady or a princess.

Melina strengthened his tone and pressed onto her.

"It's somewhere! There's no way that I would know the specifics"

“Well then, who knows it?”

“I’m telling you I don’t know!”

“Fumu. Well then, you are to say that you do not know His Highness the Crown Prince’s condition right now”

“That’s what I’m telling you”

Selene gradually returned her tone.

“This is troubling, well, well, this is very disturbing. There are strange rumors circulating around, so I came to confirm that”

He said while making exaggerated gestures and glanced at Selene.

Under his white beard that’s similar to that of sages and magicians, I saw his mouth grin.

Ah~, this is probably that. His face is saying that he’s completely sure Kimon’s already dead.

“What rumors”

“By the way, Your Highness Selene. What do you think of the current situation where not only the King, but Prime Minister Prince is absent?”

“What what? I’m thinking of becoming Prime Minister Princess though?”

“I see, that is also a good method. However, there is a better way than that”

“What’s that”

“Three Lords Regency”

“Haa?”

“The Three Lords Regency that has been passed down from time immemorial in our Aegina Kingdom. It is the system that allows us, the three oldest House of Dukes to make a conference, and temporarily support the kingdom the place of the Royal House, that for some reason, became impossible to administer political affairs”

I see, that’s an important system. Even in the world I was before, there’s the President and Vice President, and Prime Minister and Vice Prime Minister as a backup.

By the way, the President and the Vice President do not ride the same car. After all, would be the end all at once when their car crashed or something.

“I’m saying that that isn’t needed, as long as I become the Prime Minister Princess—”

“I shall speak honestly, Her Highness Selene is insufficient for that task”

“What!”

“If you really think of the kingdom from the bottom of your heart, you should have hidden the Crown Prince’s disappearance more carefully before playing your promotion game. However, Her Highness Selene did not do so. With that point, we can assert that Her Highness does not have the talents for governance”

“That is... that is not true at all! Rather, who’d admit such a thing!”

“Too bad but, Your Highness, this is already decided”

“Ha?”

“We have received words from His Majesty, he wishes for the Three Lords Regency”

“Don’t lie to me! There’s no way Father could talk. Father’s in a situation where he cannot talk because of his sickness”

“I wonder about that”

Melina shrugged his shoulders while grinning.

“No, that is something that does not matter. I have come here to tell Her Highness the first decision of the Three Lords Regency”

“Ha? First? What are you talking about?”

“We would like Her Highness to rest for a while”

“What are you talking about since earlier? Explain it to me”

Selene ranted.

Towards that, Melina only smiled and did not answer.

They’re probably planning on confining Selene, forever.

“Well then, please excuse me”

“Wait! Hey, Abraham! Why are you not saying anything! Say something to him”

“Please forgive me, Your Highness. Lord Duke Melina’s words are absolutely legal”

“Haa?”

“Abraham, was it”

Melina talked to Abraham.

“Bring Her Highness to the summer resort courteously. Got that? Courteously”

“...yes”

Abraham bowed his head respectfully.

Selene was angered and tried to grab onto Melina, but Abraham stopped her. Unable to do anything, she could only watch Melina leave.



“What’s happening, what the heck is happening! What was that!”

Selene went rampant inside the room.

“Why are you following him, Abraham”

“Please forgive me, but Duke Melina’s words are completely right”

“Right?”

“In the current situation, in the absence of His Majesty and His Highness the Crown Prince, it is absolutely right for the Three Lords Regency to be activated. To overturn this, His Majesty must come out himself, or—”

“I’m saying that that’s impossible”

“—the Prime Minister Prince would administer the government”

“That’s why I’m—”

“As a matter of fact, Her Highness’ movements shall be limited starting today. More “promotions” have become impossible”

“ ... “

Selene lost her words.

“Please forgive me”

“Hey, you!”

“Somebody”

Abraham clapped his hands. Two soldiers immediately entered.

“Take Her Highness away, courteously”

““Ha!”“

The two soldiers stood beside Selene and grabbed her shoulder.

“What are you doing!? Let go!”

“Princess, please persevere”

“There’s no way I’d persevere. What are you doing? Where are you taking me to?”

“The “Autumn Palace”

Abraham quietly answered.

“Isn’t that the prison?! There’s no way that I’d go there! I’m Selene Mi Aegina! I’m the First Princess! Do you understand”

“...take her away”

Abraham glanced at me and said quietly.

“He checked what Kakeru-sama would do”

That seems to be the case.

“What will you do?”

That’s already decided.

I drew out Eleanor and cut the soldiers.

“Shou!”

“...what is the meaning of this?”

Abraham glared at me.

“I came to make Princess Selene become Prime Minister Princess”

“That’s impossible. The Three Lords Regency was activated. Princess’s orders shall not reach anywhere and it does not have legality as well”

“Selene”

I ignored Abraham and talked to Selene.

“W-What?”

“If my eyes haven’t rotten, right now, I think I saw people who have ill intents towards the princess of this kingdom. What do you think?”

“That’s right! It’s exactly how you saw it”

“You know, people who bring harm to the royal family for the sake of their status”

After leaving a breath, I looked at Abraham.

[Kukuku, what a bad face]

“I think that they’re called rebels”

CHAPTER 169

DECLARATION OF WAR

After looking dumbfounded for an instant, Selene shouted towards Abraham.

“That’s right, he’s a rebel. He’s, no, they’re a rebel. Hurry up and catch them!”

“Too bad but, that is impossible. They now have the political legitimacy”

“I don’t understand that! I’m a princess, I’m the First Princess you know?!”

“The instant the Three Lords Regency is activated, they are in a higher position”

“There’s no way that’s true!”

Selene continued to shout.

Just like a child, she one-sidedly shouted towards Abraham.

And that Abraham was dodging them skilfully.

Silently, objecting them once by one.

“That is... it seems to be impossible for her”

The Helene in my arms said.

It’s true, it really looks useless no matter how you look at it. It only looks like an adult educating and making a child quiet.

And Selene, she is only ranting on one point, “because she’s a princess”.

There’s no way that it would change for the better with that.

I guess it can’t be helped. I should help her.

The “your name was Abraham right? Tell me something”

“...what?”

“What’s the condition to end the Three Lords Regency?”

“ ... “

Abraham did not answer. He only glared at me.

His eyes clearly tell that he's vigilant of me.

"What does that mean?"

Selene asked.

"The Three Lords Regency is nothing but a regency. A regency means that they would exercise rule on behalf of the monarch. It's not like they would get the Kingdom itself. It means that it has an end—they would be returning the authority they were given"

"Is that so?"

"There's a clear proof. After all, although there was a Three Lords Regency in the past, the Royal House still remains in the current kingdom"

"I see! How about that, Abraham!"

Selene questioned him once again.

" ... "

"Answer me!"

Selene walked towards him with heavy steps—surprisingly, he kicked Abraham.

Abraham got kicked without resisting. He answered with a distorted expression.

"It would be when the King is able to administer the government"

"That's impossible!"

"...that, or when a new King is born, huh?"

"Eh?"

" ... "

Abraham glared at me furthermore.

His eyes are saying “this bastard, he said unnecessary things”.

Yosh, it’s decided what we should do.

“Enough of that, just gather soldiers. It’s the end if we catch those three right?”

Selene brought up the same thing once again.

Really, this girl...

“...“

I met eyes with Abraham. For some reason, he looked at me with eyes of pity. What was that?

[Kuku, his eyes were saying, “you’ve gotten on the side of a troublesome girl”]

...I see.

I got a little annoyed, but I can’t say anything back.

And that Abraham told Selene.

“It is not as simple as that. Also, it is impossible in the first place”

“Why?!”

“I tried it once. Although the Three Lords Regency has the legitimacy, it cannot be said that the position of the First Princess does not have something similar. That is why, I tried to gather soldiers for once”

Well, that’s true. Just because there’s a system like that, there’s no way that it would enable them to completely ignore the princess.

“Then—”

“There was no more than ten men who have gathered”

“..... eh?”

It became like that huh.

No, I could somewhat understand. I didn't understand it at first, but seeing the series of events that happened in this room, I somehow felt that it was like that.

It means that there are only a few people who would carry an idiot lord, no, an idiot princess on their shoulders.

"Ten... there's not even ten...?"

"Yes"

"W-What about the five thousand? What about those five thousand soldiers?"

"I called out to them"

"No way... "

Selene received a shock.

The five thousand soldiers that obeyed her just a while ago decreased to ten when her position changed just a little.

If you count that as her approval rating, it's 0.2%. Even Selene received a shock.

"No way... "

She fell to the ground with stupor.



In Delfina Merchant Company in Malonei.

I cut off the additional soldiers that Abraham called, and took Selene with me when I warped directly to Delfina's room.

"...Kakeru-sama, what is that appearance?"

Seeing me appear, Delfina did not look that surprised.

"It's impressive how you could tell it's me. I've even changed my appearance completely"

“There is only Kakeru-sama in this world who would appear like that”

“Well, that’s true”

I said, and released the Demon Sword’s camouflage.

“Ara, Her Highness Helene as well. And that person there is... Her Highness Selene?”

What came out after I took off the camouflage was two princesses. Delfina looked doubtful seeing Selene.

“What happened? She seems like she was shocked about something”

“Helene, I’ll leave explaining it to you”

“Yes. What about Kakeru-sama?”

“I’ll go get what she need... things that she’ll need after this”

“You will continue on supporting her?”

“Depends on what happens next”

“Understood. Please leave this place to me”

“I’m counting on you. I’ll ask Delfina as well”

“I do not mind it at all. As long as I receive equal rewards”

“I see”

I embraced Delfina and kissed her.

“It’s payment in advance. Was it enough?”

“That is fine”

“Helene, I’m counting on you”

“Yes”

Helene nodded. I left the three women there and warped once again.

In the Aegina Kingdom, in the capital of Rethim.

I returned to Selene’s room.

Abraham was still there.

“You are—I see, you were involved huh. —Demon Sword Wielder”

Seeing my transformed appearance, Abraham immediately understood the situation.
This guy, he’s quite capable.

“That’s how it is”

“Why did you return here?”

“I just wanted someone to guide me”

“Guide you?”

“To the place where the King is”

Abraham stiffened his expression.

“Why?”

“Don’t mess with me. Who is the one the Three Lords Regency behalf of? Of course it’s the King who’s now unable to do anything. That’s why, before starting anything, the King is needed right?”

“Are you planning on taking the King away?!”

“It’s fine killing him too”

“—!”

Abraham looked stunned.

His face says that he did not think of that.

And, that face tells me instead that my idea is correct.

Because the King can’t control the state, the three Lord Dukes abides the old custom and took regency.

Oppositely, if a King who can take rule was born, they’re no longer needed.

“If the King dies, who will be the next King? Don’t tell me it’s the Three Lords?”

“...ku!”

“As I’ve thought, huh”

“Her Highness Selene... if that woman becomes king, the kingdom shall perish! You understand that seeing what happened earlier right!”

“...yeah”

I guess that’s true.

Hearing Abraham’s words, I hesitated.

The reason why I got involved with Aegina’s confusion was to let Selene get “promoted”.

However, hearing her words and seeing her actions, I don’t know anymore if I should do that.

[Compared to your “good women”, she’s incomparably foolish after all]

Eleanor said with emotion.

If the Selene right now becomes the Queen... this kingdom will probably fall.

I agree with Abraham at that point.

But.

“I’ll take the king with me”

“You should understand—you’ll take him with you?”

“That’s right. It wasn’t needed earlier, but hearing what you said, I found different way of treating the king”

“ ... “

“That’s why, I’ll take the king under my protection. I’ll just decide later what I should do”

“Do you think you can do that? Where do you think are you? This is Aegina’s capital Rethim where over ten thousand soldiers are stationed! The Winter Palace where the king is located is heavily guarded”

“Do you think I can’t?”

I drew out the Demon Swords.

Eleanor and Hikari, I drew out the mother and daughter Demon Swords and made a

stance.

“I’m the Demon Sword Wielder—Yuuki Kakeru”

CHAPTER 170

A MOTHER EDUCATING HER DAUGHTER

“Intruder! Intruder!”

Abraham rushed out of the room while shouting.

And when I followed him out of the room, lots of soldiers have gathered.

In the corridor after leaving the room, soldiers attacked at the same time from both sides.

They poked using their spears which were twice longer than an ordinary one.

I split those spears into two at the same time with the Demon Swords and killed several soldiers at the same time after jumping sideways.

[Okaa-san, it's a match]

[Umu, I shall show you my career as a Demon Sword]

I advanced while covering myself with aura, and Eleanor and Hikari who released that started to count again.

The two of them counted like a game of tag and enumerated as if to sing.

And while hearing that song, I continued to cut down soldiers after soldiers.

“Eii! The enemies alone!”

“Captain!”

“Receive this Triple Attack!!”

Someone that looked a little stronger than ordinary soldiers appeared, but I brought him down with one slash.

That guy that was a little stronger was counted as “1” by the mother and daughter.

When I continued to advance, I found Abraham.
He got stunned seeing me, then continued to run away.
He said something to the soldiers while running away.

[Oh?! Their morale increased]

“I killed a lot of them already though. Why so?”

I doubted, but immediately understood.

“That traitor huh”

“Our future’s bright as long as we defeat that guy”

“I’m going to defeat him, I’m going to defeat him!”

It looks like Abraham gave them carrots.

The eyes of the soldiers became bloodshot and challenged me.

There were ten-odd spears. They pierced as if to cover my whole body.

“How naive”

I cleaved Eleanor and crushed all of their spearheads and chopped the soldiers ahead with one slash using Hikari.

[I’m sorry while you’re having a killing. Don’t forget the goal]

“I know”

I told Eleanor and closed my distance with the soldier who looked like he’s about to run away anytime.

I placed the blades of the Demon Swords to his neck and threatened him with a low voice.

“Where’s the King? I’ll let you off if you tell me”

“Hi, Hi, Hi... “

“Hi?”

“Hi... ii... i... “

The soldier fainted just like that.

The white of his eyes is showing and foam were coming out of his mouth. Looking carefully, a yellow stain had spread on his crotch.

[You threatened him too much]

[Otou-san, you should hold back~]

“Mu! That’s quite difficult”

Holding back physically is rather quite simple. If I do a sword rush using the Demon Swords, I can cleanly shave off all the hair in their body even if they’re desperately resisting.

However, how can I hold back something spiritually? How can I control the level of my threat?

I don’t know.

I don’t know, so I just decided to try many times.

I caught another soldier and threatened him. This time, he went into a frenzy that made him almost insane and resisted.

I cut him down and threatened another one. He fainted again and foamed.

After doing it several times, I finally found someone who can answer properly.

“H-His Majesty is in the Winter Palace”

“Winter Palace? Where’s that?”

“If you go outside—you can tell”

After saying just that, that soldier fainted as well.

He means that it's a building that I can tell with just a look when I go outside?

If so, then I should go outside.

I paved a bloody path, cutting down soldiers while the mother and daughter Demon Swords continued to count.

Their resistance became fiercer, but I continued to advance without a care about that.

After I left the palace, I understood what that soldier from earlier said.

Although it looks a little blurry from this far away, I can see a splendid structure.

It's a little blurry as if I'm looking at the other side of the cloud, but it's the one that looks like a "palace" with one look.

I see, that's the so-called Winter Palace huh.

I walked towards the direction of the Winter Palace.

More soldiers came and the surroundings already looked like a battlefield.

I advanced while cutting them down.

[Otou-san!]

[To your right!]

"—!!"

Soon after I heard Hikari and Eleanor's warning, a slash came from the right.

I blocked using Hikari. The clashing sounds deafened my ears.

I counterattacked with a sweep using Eleanor—I cut through the air.

The man that launched a surprise attack instantly took distance.

That's right. It's a man.

It's a man with long hair, holding a long thin sword. His eyes were closed and his ear is faced towards my direction.

The air around him shows he's not someone simple. It looks like it's an opponent that I could leave my guard down with.

"Who are you"

"Xeno Phon"

Xeno silently named himself. His calmness made him feel different from the others.

"You evil being, you shall not advance from here on"

Evil being huh.

"Sorry, but I'll stick around"

"If so—then die to my blade"

Xeno's appearance blurred—he appeared behind me soon right after.

He suddenly appeared behind me and released a slash.

I turned around while swinging the Demon Swords—but he was no longer there.

"I know!"

Gakii—n!!

With a reverse grip, I blocked the slash that came flying straight behind me.

Guys like these are always doing this.

They'd appear behind me, then appear behind me once again with a slash.

It's skillful, but a common pattern.

"...Secret Skill"

"Mu!!"

"Seal Demon Sword"

I instinctively kicked the ground and jumped back.

Xeno did not follow up an attack.

The instant I landed, I couldn't help but narrow my eyebrows.

The dark aura that the mother and daughter Demon Swords released and enveloped me.

That aura that represents the Demon Sword Wielder was "eaten".

Only at the place where Xeno's attack passed through, it was chomped off like an eaten cake.

And, it does not regenerate at the part where it's eaten—no.

[It would take more than ten minutes to regenerate]

[Uu... it's difficult~ ...]

It looks like it would take time to return it back to normal.

It made Eleanor take ten minutes. It also made it difficult for Hikari.

Just that makes that secret skill amazing.

"To think that my Secret Skill would be dodged"

"You're quite good"

"However, it is now clear with this. Even if it's you evil being, you are nothing but an evil being"

Xeno was assured that his secret skill works. However, he did not have negligence nor

arrogance.

[He is quite something]

It was enough to impress even Eleanor.

“...I’m coming”

I exchanged slashes with Xeno.

He released his secret skill and my aura was eaten again, but I counterattacked with the Demon Swords regardless.

Xeno evaded at the last moment, but he had a deep wound on his neck, blood was spurting out from it.

Even so, he did not care at all. He raised his sword, facing his ear towards me.

“...withdraw, you’ll die if this continues”

“That might be true”

“If so”

“However, I am indebted to the King. It’s a huge debt that even seven lifetimes cannot pay all of it. That is why—I shall not withdraw”

Xeno attacked once again.

The match was already decided. He has both speed and power, but it’s only a tenth of mine.

That secret skill was troublesome, but it’s nothing since I know that it can be evaded.

I dodged his incoming slash, took Xeno’s back faster than he could, and made him lose consciousness with a blow.

[Aren’t you kind? The opponent’s a man you know?]

“It’s just a whim”

I left Xeno there and continued invading towards the Winter Palace.

However, a man that looks like a knight appeared before that.

“He got defeated huh, he’s nothing but words—”

I instantly killed that knight. I closed the distance with a breath and chopped him with sixteen slashes.

“Lesser than a small fry”

I spat out and continued ahead.

I cut down soldiers, advanced, and arrived at the Winter Palace.

When I stepped inside, a monster appeared this time.

In the palace garden, the ground was opened, and a dragon the size of a semi truck appeared from there.

[O-chan? U~n, it’s different]

[It’s a lesser dragon. A beast that only lives with its instincts. If you ask the higher species, they’re called as damn lizards. By the way, its called Scale Dragon]

Hikari who tilted her head and Eleanor who explained.

The Scale Dragon attacked!

It swung down its front feet and shook the ground. A hole that was as huge as a cave’s entrance was made.

“Is that all!”

I caught the dragon with my regenerated aura, closed the distance, and cut off its two heads at the same time.

Fresh blood gushed like fountains and its huge body collapsed, making the ground tremble.

I stepped over that and entered the palace.

I caught several soldiers and threatened them without being able to hold back and asked where the King is.

I walked towards there.

[Mu?]

“What’s the matter?”

[Don’t you feel like their resistance have weakened?]

“Now that you mention it”

I didn’t notice until Eleanor told me.

[It’s clearly weakening... on top of that, it’s intentional]

“Are you saying it’s a trap?”

[Nine out of ten]

“It means, a fake king is there huh”

[Most probably]

I advanced while talking to Eleanor.

I reached the king’s room. I cut down the soldiers protecting it from the outside and entered.

There is a huge bed inside the luxurious room.

An old man that looks like a skeleton is sleeping on the bed.

“Is he dead?”

[It looks like he’s alive]

[Mu?! That’s... the real King huh]

“You know him?”

[In the past, just a little]

“It wasn’t a fake one huh. Well, whatever. It’s the real one right? I’ll take him away then”

I said and approached the king, but the instant I came to the side of the bed, a magic circle spread through the ground.

Imprisoned by the magic circle, my body won’t move.

[It’s a trap!]

“What is this?”

[Tartarus. One of the strategic class magic circles. Originally, it is meant to be used against a huge army]

“Against a huge army you say?”

[When it activates, it would devour everything within its distance and vanish them without a trace. I have heard from humans that it’s expensive and rare]

“Something like that—”

The next instant, my vision became dark.

A torrent of tremendous strength is pushing towards me.

It’s a strength that I’ve never experienced before.

I endured the strength that was pushing against me.

It feels like I’m about to get devoured and crushed to pieces.

I endured that—I endured while protecting King Aegina with my aura.

[Otou-san! It's dangerous, so let go of that person!]

[Hikari]

Hikari panicked, but oppositely, Eleanor was calm.

[Okaa-san?]

[Remember this, a condition of becoming a good woman is to not deprive their man's high point]

Don't make me laugh, Eleanor. You're always butting in.

However, that's right. And it would be great if you would keep yourselves calm and don't do anything.

I took a deep breath. I gathered strength to my core.

I used all of my strength and gripped Eleanor and Hikari tightly.

I shall endure, and protect!

Finally, that strength started to pull back.

The light also dissipated and the magic circle sinks.

My vision that turned dark returned to normal.

With the surroundings—a part of the palace crushed.

Only the ground which was a one-meter radius around me, and the bed where King Aegina was asleep was intact.



CHAPTER 171

THE MAN WHO CORRUPTS THE DEMON SWORD

“They started to attack at all costs huh”

[Kuku, I could guess how afraid they are of you]

“Even so, I think that they’re too well prepared”

[The Crown Prince Kimon has disappeared, so it’s not strange that many people would have their preparations]

“Well, that’s true”

While nodding, I touched the bed that I was able to protect.

If I warped together with the sleeping Aegina King—it’s complete.

“Wait!”

I heard a young man’s voice.

I turned around. A man with a handsome face, wearing knight outfit, came leading his subordinates.

There’s about a hundred of them.

[They’re just this few]

[They strength’s ordinary too. It’s an easy win for Otou-san]

The two Demon Swords said one next to the other.

From how their movements were, they’re at ordinary class at most, so they’re really nothing much.

I tried to warp away ignoring them, but.

“Surround him! The opponent is that Demon Sword Wielder, proceed carefully”

The knight's subordinates surrounded me including the bed.

[Mufu, I noticed right now, but isn't this a bit troublesome?]

“Troublesome?”

[It is easy as pie to overcome this situation. However, that guy immediately knew it was you when he came. Meaning, Aegina is aware of your involvement]

“...my mansion, huh”

[Umu]

I see, it would be like that huh.

Even if I take King Aegina away from here, since they have completely understood that I'm involved, who knows what they would do in my mansion in Reiusu.

There's Nana there and the slave soldiers that she trained. Io's party would come from time to time too.

When it comes to brainwork, there's Althea.

Even if I was not around, they should be able to take care of themselves whatever happens.

However, it's troublesome.

Just like Eleanor had said, it became troublesome.

[It should be better to take care of everything right now]

“...no, we're keeping that for later”

[Why?]

“I want to ask Selene once more, I want to ask her what she would like to do”

[Are you also going to make that a “good woman”?]

I couldn't answer.

I'm not sure, but I can feel potential in Selene.

The potential of becoming a woman that I like.

That's why, I'm still planning to let her end everything with her own hands.

I want to let her finish it, without me taking care of everything.

[I do not mind accompanying you in your hobby, but how will you get out of this situation?]

"I have an idea. Eleanor, Hikari. Lend me a hand"

[Fumu?]

[Hikari, what does she need to do?]

I made a stance with the two Demon Swords.

I closed my eyes, took a deep breath, and concentrated my strength to my core.

"Have you given up? It's too late!"

It looks like he's saying something, but I ignored it.

I strongly sensed the existence of the mother and daughter—I extracted power from them.

[—!!]

[Hyau!]

I opened my eyes. The aura was coming out of my body.

It did not come out with momentum, but slowly, it spread out as if it corrupted space.

"W-What in the world"

“Do not falter! That nothing but a bluff!”

“But Gogophus-sama, that is—uwaaaaa!!”

“Hiiiiiiiiiiii!!”

“S-Stooooooooopp!!”

The subordinates of the knight who were swallowed by the aura raised shrill screams and shrieks.

Fear.

I scattered the fear that I extracted from the mother and daughter Demon Swords.

The fear from the young and innocent Hikari was pure horror. A fear that could be described as if a sharp blade splitting them into halves.

The fear from Eleanor who was a Demon Sword for eternity was terror like the tortuous chaos. A fear that could be described as if they were hit by a heavy hammer suffering wounds that would forever not heal.

I extracted two kinds of fear and scattered them.

The aura instantly enveloped the royal palace—the “Winter Palace”, but it’s not enough.

“More, much, much, more”

[n... ahh...]

[I’ll do my best!]

I gathered more strength. I gripped the Demon Swords and extracted powers from them.

The aura spread out, it continued to spread widely.

The aura that had spread gradually covered the castle town and soon—the whole royal capital.

The fear—it mercilessly enclosed Aegina’s capital, Rethim.



I warped together with the bed, bringing it to Delfina Merchant Company in Malonei.

Delfina who was waiting saw that and rolled her eyes.

“This time it’s His Majesty the King huh”

“If it’s you, you would’ve expected it right?”

“Yes, that is true”

“For the meantime, I want to ask you to hide him. Secretly, that is”

“Of course. If anyone finds out that I was involved in kidnapping His Majesty the King, I would literally be terminated”

While rolling her eyes, Delfina jokingly said, then called her so-called trusted subordinates, and took away the king who continued sleeping even after all that happened.

Well then, the matter is temporarily resolved with this.

Next is Selene, I guess.

[Really, you’re really shuprishing me]

“...shu?”

The voice that echoed inside my head was different from usual.

The tone and the words were that of Eleanor’s, but.

[What’s the matter?]

“What kind of joke is that?”

[I cansh undershtand what your shaying]

...o

I'm the one who can't understand.

Why the heck are you suddenly lisping?

What happened?

[Okaa-san, she looks somewhat cute]

"Cute?"

[Un, it's like she became a little girl]

"Little girl... ?"

"Don't tell me", I thought, invoked while walking, and moved to the lottery place.

The strange place the lottery place. Only in this place can Eleanor return to her human form.

And what I saw there was... a little girl that seems to be Eleanor.

She originally has an appearance similar to that of a young girl.

But she became even younger!

"Waa~, Okaa-san looks cute~"



おがーちゃん、

なんがロトト♡

だしゅっ

エレノア&ひかり
普段は魔剣の姿をしている親子。
くじ引き所では揃って人の姿になれる。
今回エレノアの姿が…?

Hikari hugged Eleanor.

Eleanor usually looks a little bigger, so although they look alike, they would look like big sister and little sister. However, right now, their positions were completely reversed.

A first grader, the big sister Hikari, and a three-year-old, the little sister Eleanor.

It looks like that with a glance.

What in the world just happened?

“Dear Customer, although I’ve repeated this many times, please do not bring such strange bonding scenes here”

The staff of the lottery place talked to me while rolling her eyes as usual. Her eyes being endlessly kind towards Hikari was as usual as well.

“My bad”

“Also, how absurd this is. To corrupt a Demon Sword while being human”

“Corrupt a Demon Sword?”

“Dear Customer’s strength has exceeded the Demon Sword’s, so, that power has corrupted the Demon Sword’s spirit. That’s why even her appearance here has changed. Dear Customer, you have completely exceeded the Demon Sword huh”

“Is that so? No, but Hikari hasn’t changed though?”

“You probably held back because she’s your daughter. After all, playing with kids would make a person hold back naturally”

“Ahh, I see”

She’s right. I would hold use discretion when playing with kids.

And normally—I would use Eleanor with all of my strength just like I declared, but I might be unconsciously holding back with Hikari.

I see, that’s why only Eleanor changed huh.

“Well, if it’s a Demon Sword in Eleanor’s class, I believe that she would return to normal soon. Rather than that, Dear Customer, this is a lottery place you know?”

Just looking is unwelcomed, huh.

I took out one lottery ticket and gave it to her.

“Then, just this one”

“You really only came to have your family bonding huh... well, it’s fine though”

Although she’s rolling her eyes, the staff looked pleased seeing Chibi Eleanor and Hikari playing.

CHAPTER 172

STARTING FROM THE NEGATIVE SIDE

I casually drew with one lottery ticket. Too bad, but the price was Magic Ball (White).

I watched Eleanor and Hikari's mother and daughter bonding time.

After a while, Eleanor returned to normal, so I said "we're leaving".

"T-That, right now"

"Un?"

"Don't tell anyone about it, got it?"

"About you regressing to an infant?"

"Don't call me that! I have never regressed! My tone just got a little bit younger!"

"But, it was very cute Okaa-san"

"Uu—"

Although she's about to say anything to me without holding back, it looks like she's unable to bluntly refuse her daughter's innocent smile.

Eleanor looked completely troubled and after looking at me and Hikari back and forth,

"—this is all your fault!"

She released a right straight to my stomach.

Of course, not only it was not painful, seeing her hide her embarrassment was cute.

"Otou-san and Okaa-san's so lovey dovey"

“For the nth time, please do not bring your family bonding scene here... “

We left the lottery place while I casually made Eleanor calm down.

I returned to Delfina’s room.

Delfina was processing some files in the desk in front of her and stood up after seeing me.

“You took so long”

“My bad, I had some minor business”

“In Kakeru-sama’s case, even a simple minor business might make the world tremble so it is frightening”

“That’s not true at all”

I just played with Eleanor.

“Uhm, you know? Otou-san made Okaa-san super cute!”

“As I’ve thought, it’s something that would make the world tremble. To make the Demon Sword Eleanor seem cute, I cannot imagine what in the world just happened”

Delfina rolled her eyes just a little.

Making Eleanor, the existence whose name is inscribed in history as the symbol of fear, look cute would make the world tremble huh.

Well, but, cute things are cute so it can’t be helped.

“Rather than that, what happened to King Aegina and Selene?”

“I have placed King Aegina in this building. We deployed as many guards as possible and took measures against search magic as well. As long as they cannot see him with their own eyes, no one would find out that he is here”

Delfina's face turned into a serious one—from her chatting mode to her working mode.

Although measures can be done against magic, it's impossible with physical things huh.

“What about Selene?”

“She is noisily shouting around”

Delfina silently shook her head.

“Again, huh”

“Selene Mi Aegina. I have heard that she grew up with everyone spoiling her, but her selfishness is worse than the rumors say”

“...where is she?”

I asked Delfina where Selene was.



I walked alone down the corridor.

Although I said alone, I'm with Eleanor.

At first, I'm always carrying Eleanor so that she won't do something bad, but recently, I'm thinking that it should be fine now.

[You, aren't you thinking about something up to no good?]

“I just thought, it might be alright even if I don't carry you around”

[If you were to let go of me, I'll only control humans and make the world fall into chaos]

“Although you seem behaved recently?”

[I am only being like that because it looks more fun being with you. If the feast is over, I'll only go back to find more prey]

"You think it's fun being with me huh"

[Umu, the best in my lifetime, that is]

"Even if you were made smaller and cuter?"

[Forget about that!!!]

Eleanor screamed. Was it just me? It sounded quite comfortable.

If so, I should carry her around always.

It's a lot of fun with Eleanor around after all.

...fun things would even happen one next to the other.

[You're making a face that is up to no good again]

"That's not true"

[Well, whatever. Leaving that aside, that girl... what are you going to do with Selene?]

"I'll ask her first"

[I can't think at all that she's a "good woman"]

"That might be true. Delfina has the eye for people after all

[You and I... we saw her in person after all]

"...this is just the last test I guess"

[I do not have objections to that]

I continued walking through the corridor, arriving at the room where Selene is essentially confined.

Two of Delfina's subordinates are guarding the room outside. The two of them saluted as soon as they saw me.

I nodded back to them and entered the room.

Selene was inside.

She is sitting by the window side, looking out with her legs crossed.

She completely looked like a spoiled girl, but the instant she saw me, she made a face full of smiles and ran to me.

"Shou!"

"That's an alias, my real name is Kakeru"

"U~un, you are Shou. It is Shou for me"

"I see"

Well, that doesn't matter.

Rather than that—I looked around the room.

Is it because she just finished running amok, the furniture other than the chair she was sitting in was scattered, destroyed or fallen.

The painting displayed on the walls were torn apart too.

"You went on a rampage huh"

"It's all their fault. I'm Aegina's First Princess, Selene Mi Aegina you know? There's no reason for me to be looked down by a 1-Kre slave"

"Do you understand the situation?"

"I don't know what you're talking about. I'm a princess, and she's a slave. That's all that there is"

As usual, she's selfish as she can get and would say all that she wants.

I understand the logic. I can understand that it's a logic that is unique to those girls raised spoiled. And the more I understood it—.

[What about the test?]

"Too bad"

While letting out a sigh, I turned around and walked towards the door.

"Ah! Shou, wait. Where are you going?"

"...I remembered something I had to do"

I didn't want to get involved with her more than this, so carelessly told her, and left the room.

After I left the room, the two guards saluted again.

"Watch her carefully. Don't let her leave no matter what happens"

""Yes!""

Probably knowing my relationship with Delfina, the two of them replied as if to obey their master.

With Eleanor, I went back to the corridor I passed through earlier.

[She's a genuine spoiled girl huh]

"Well, those kinds of girls should exist too"

[You're wrong]

"Un?"

[She is the one who is normal as a member of a royal family. It's your surroundings that is abnormal]

"Is that so?"

[That is so]

I nodded to Eleanor's words.

Well! People are strongly influenced by the environment that they grew up with.

If she can be spoiled by her surroundings, then it can't be helped that she would grow up spoiled.

[And then? What are you going to do with Aegina? If this continues, the turmoil would only be prolonged]

"There's no way. This case would be finished when I returned the king and the princess instead. The Three Lords Regency existed in the past right?"

[Umu. That girl was opposing it, but if there isn't a powerful leader, it should be better if there are relatively excellent people making a conference]

"If so, it's the end of it, after sending them back"

Eleanor did not say anything, and I only felt her emotion of agreement.

It's too bad about Aegina's princess, but I found out more things about Delfina this time, so I should be satisfied with that.

"...n?"

[What is it? Suddenly stopping]

"...I can hear it"

[What?]

I can hear it.

Eleanor couldn't, but I heard it.



Nothing changed no matter how much she made a fuss.

The room only became messier, no one came to stop her, and she was not allowed to leave as well.

Selene became too tired of making a fuss and fell down to the ground.

She even destroyed the last furniture, the chair, and stared at that while hugging her knees.

Selene knows what expression that man made. That face that he made the instant he left the room, she knows about it very well.

Those eyes were ones that people who have felt aversion and abandoned her usually makes.

Selene knows about that very well, but all of the people who have been involved with her up until now would either show angry eyes or eyes of disgust.

“I’m used to that, too... it’s nothing much... it’s nothing much at all... “

She hugged her knees, buried her face, and murmured.

The face hidden under her arms and knees was a lonesome face that she had never shown to anyone.

“I’ll never give up... I’ll make the kingdom that Father improved better. Now that Elder Brother has disappeared, I’m the only one who can do that. For the sake of doing that... I’ll do anything, for sure”

Did she regain her spirit while murmuring? Selene stood up and declared.

“I’ll absolutely get promoted, become Prime Minister Princess, and improve Aegina on behalf of Father!”

But, it looks like that was the last flicker of her candle.

Instantly after she strongly declared, that strong will disappeared, and she weakly fell to the floor.

She's an idiot, but it was not as if she cannot understand the situation.

Although she doesn't know the generality of the situation, she understands that it is impossible to overcome the current situation by herself.

However, in other words, she can only understand things as far as her hands can reach, a child whose vision is extremely narrow.

"If I knew this would happen... I should've listened more to Father..."

She buried her face in her knees again.

The sounds of sniffing could be heard. She even started to cry.

However, there was no one who would stop that, and there was no one to comfort her. The people guarding the room followed their orders faithfully and only stood by the door.

Her angry voice, her murmurs—even her grief.

It would never reach anyone's ears—not "anyone".

"You went on another rampage huh"

"Eh?"

She raised her face. Did he enter without her noticing? There was the Demon Sword Wielder's appearance there.

No, it's not only the Demon Sword Wielder. There are also several other women with him.

“S-Shou? Who are they... “

“Helene, Rica, and Aura, also, Althea”

“Helene... Al... thea?”

Selene tilted her head.

It cannot be helped that her ignorance of not even knowing the names of the Princesses and Queens of nearby kingdoms would be a target of criticism.

In fact, the three women in the same position as her narrowed their eyebrows.

And Selene who sensed that, although she did not know the reason, she understood that she “did it” once again.

The face of resignation appeared in Selene’s head, so she tried to act strongly as usual—but.

Kakeru was different.

He did not show resignation towards her.

“Including that, teach her a lot”

The Queen and Princesses looked at each other and nodded as if to say “it can’t be helped”.

Althea opened her mouth.

“It’s fine to make those of the same position educate her, but am I really needed?”

“Teach her the knowledge that you know”

“I’m just Althea right now you know?”

“You should only show that side in front of me. You should stay as the Great Sage Althea in public”

“Only in front of you... I-I guess it cannot be helped”

Selene was dumbfounded by the exchange of the Demon Sword Wielder, and the surprisingly beautiful woman both in mind and body.

She has yet to understand what is happening to her.

The world's best tutors were prepared for her, with the strongest man as her ally.

That her future is shining brightly and her wish of developing her Father's kingdom shall be granted.

However, right now, she has yet to understand anything.

CHAPTER 173

GOOD WOMEN THAT CELEBRATE EACH OTHER'S HAPPINESS

In Rethim, the capital of Aegina, in the castle town.

I am walking around the town with Helene and Rica.

The Third Princess of Mercouri Kingdom, "Teresia of Twin Flowers", Helene Teresia Mercouri.

The current Queen of Calamba Kingdom, "Master of the Rose Garden", Rica Calamba.

Both of them are super celebrities, women who are supposed to be welcomed as states guests, but they are casually walking around the town.

"They really... cannot discover us huh"

Rica whispered, seemingly moved.

"It's Kakeru-sama's new power. It would seem that the person enveloped by this aura would look like a different person"

"How would they look like?"

Rica replied to Helene. Helene looked at me, then Rica looked at me as well.

"A normal town girl. I had a hard time making you not stand out"

"Is it powers that enough to make Kakeru have a hard time?"

"I really had a hard time. Both of you are beautiful after all. It's difficult to imagine a common town girl seeing your faces. Creating an image while looking at you would

make the image inevitably beautiful”

“I-Is that so... “

Rica blushed. It looks like she’s embarrassed from being called beautiful.

I will never get tired seeing Rica blush. The more it is since she was doll-like when we first met, so I’ll never get tired of the various expressions that she’s making right now.

“Kakeru-sama. What do we need to do?”

“Un?”

“We’ll do anything at your command”

Helene said with a serious face.

Rica also turned to a serious face from an embarrassed one and stared at me.

The two of them would do anything at my command, rather, “please order us” was written on their faces.

“Take it easy okay. We have two goals. First is to gather information on how the people of Aegina were told about what happened”

“If so, then the pub should be a good place”

“Let’s look around while shopping. Women who are managing stores have a loose mouth”

Helene and Rica immediately gave suggestions.

We could probably effectively gather information with both.

“Well, wait”

I stopped the two who was about to take immediate action.

“There’s a second goal; It’s to go on a date with you two”

“...date?”

“...why?”

Both Helene and Rica looked surprised.

It looks like their thoughts can't immediately catch up because it's too different from the first goal.

“The two of you had a hard time right? Teaching Selene many things”

Right now, I'm sending my women one next to the other to educate Selene.

Not to mention members of royal families like Helene and Rica, there's the Great Sage Althea who knows all kinds of knowledge in this world, and Nana who's originally strong, but became the World's Strongest Swordsman (without including me) after I gave her several cheats that I got from the lottery place.

I also sent the merchant Delfina, the adventurer Io's party, and even sent the ghost maids.

All of it is to educate Selene.

It's to educate Selene who is too ignorant, and know nothing.

“Not at all, Selene-sama learns very quickly, so it is not to the extent of hard work”

“I agree that she learns quickly. But her spoiled personality is trouble”

“Although she's spoiled, doesn't she have an honest personality and is able to say that she doesn't know without showing off?”

“That is true though”

Helene and Rica. The two of them evaluated Selene who is not here.

While listening to their evaluation, I brought the two around the town.

I suddenly noticed that we passed by a general store.

I found something within the goods aligned, entered the store, and took it in hand.

I opened it. It looks quite good.

I immediately bought it, returned, and gave it to Helene.

“This is... a fan?”

“Yeah, open it”

When the decorated fan was opened, it looked like a cutout picture.

The fan was skillfully carved, creating a flower in full blossom.

It was not flashy nor crude, it's a chic looking fan.

She opened it, closed it again, and held it.

Helene looked at me with a surprised face.

“Ahh, as I've thought, that looks good on you”

“You remembered it”

“Rather, it's always with me”

After saying that, I took out a fan.

It's the fan with the Mercouri Royal Family emblem that I got from Helene when we first met.

I showed that fan that I always carried with me to Helene.

“Kakeru-sama... “

Helene's eyes became moist.

And the way she won't jump into my embrace is really how the modest Helene really is.

“Good for you, Helene”

“Yes”

The two women looked at each other with smiles and nodded.

I thought that I should buy something for Rica who congratulated Helene and continued walking around the town.

I stopped again.

I did not find something, I heard it.

I caught interesting words in an exchange which was better described as a chat.

“What is really happening in this Kingdom. A Baron revolted, killed the Crown Prince, and kidnapped the Princess. That’s unheard of”

“Since the King collapsed due to his sickness, nothing good has happened”

“What, don’t worry. They say that disasters have the potential to turn into an advantage. The Three Lords Regency will start with that as a trigger. The Lord Dukes will make this kingdom better”

“I just hope so...”

There are three old men who were drinking alcohol in a stall although it’s still in the afternoon.

Listening to their conversation, it looks like rumors about what happened at that day had already spread.

And it looks like it became a story, saying that I revolted, killed Kimon, and killed Selene.

“They dare”

“This unforgivable, to think that they blamed everything on Kakeru-sama”

The two women who followed me and stopped, understanding the situation, and

listened to them got angry.

Helene silently showed anger and Rica displayed her emotions clearly.

“I’ll cooperate with Iris and put pressure on the diplomatic route”

“I’ll something too. There are several agreements reaching their deadlines, so I’ll focus on that”

The two of them nodded to each other.

It looks like lots of things were decided in that instant.

“Stop it, the two of you”

“But”

“If this continues, they would make everything Kakeru’s fault”

“It’s something that I really did after all. Both killing Kimon and kidnapping Selene”

“But, there are circumstances”

“Just let them say what they want. No, rather, the two of you should support the Three Lords Regency diplomatically. You can do something about strengthening their legitimacy right?”

“That is... “

“We can, but... “

The two of them looked at each other.

Their faces were like “It’s possible, but why?”.

However, that was only for an instant.

When I was about to explain it to them, they already understood.

“For Selene’s sake”

“Kakeru-sama does not only plan to educate her, but also prepare a hurdle later on”

That's right.

I mean, the two of them are too good at guessing.

As I've thought, they're good women, both Rica and Helene.

And Rica, however, she pursed her lips, making a sulking face.

"What's the matter?"

"Because, a hurdle wasn't prepared for me during my time"

"What, is it about that?"

"It's not just 'that', even I—"

"Rica was a good woman from the start, so it wasn't needed"

"—wanted Kakeru's trial... eh?"

Rica became dumbfounded.

Rica was wise from the beginning.

Her talents and wisdom were unable to be concealed although she was treated like a puppet and was a bird in a cage—so it overflowed when she was released.

There was no need to prepare a hurdle at all.

Instead, removing her shackles was already good enough.

"I'm, from the start?"

"Yeah, you were a good woman from the start"

"Uwaaa~, what should I do~. I didn't think Kakeru would say something like that, what should I do~"

Rica became fidgety.

As I've thought, her emotional expressions are getting richer, and I can't get tired seeing them.

"Good for you, Rica. Receiving such words. It was great coming to today right?"

"Un!"

The two women once again stared at each other with smiles and nodded.

The two of them celebrated each other. The two of them looked unbelievably good women after all.

So much that it was enough to turn me on.

I gently pulled the two of them to an embrace.

They understood with just that.

Helene buried her face to my chest and Rica closed her eyes and pouted her lips.

I gave each of them a kiss then made love to them after bringing them to a nearby inn.

CHAPTER 174

THE HAREM THAT GROWS

At this day, I took my women again and gathered information in the capital of Rethim.

It's Althea and Nana that I took with me.

A peerless beauty, the Great Sage Althea, and the world's strongest woman, Nana.

The two of them are on top of a bed in an inn.

Both of them are sleeping.

I noticed it when I brought Helene and Rica here.

Although I mentioned gathering information, there's no need to walk around.

My hearing which was multiplied 777x enables me to hear conversations in a radius of kilometers if I concentrated to the limits.

Meaning, I can gather information while taking care of my harem inside an inn.

I noticed that during the time with Helene and Rica, so I did that with Althea and Nana today.

I accompanied them while gathering information, then concentrated in gathering information after they were knocked down.

And while I was doing that, Althea's breathing changed.

She continued snuggling up to me, but her breathing changed, and I knew that she woke up.

"You want another round?"

"I'm fine. Let me stay like this"

Althea said and hugged me tighter.

Her silk-like skin was glued to me.

She rubbed her cheeks against me, took my hand and made me stroke her head.

Althea, the Great Sage Althea.

“She’s completely changed compared to when I first met her”, I thought.

“Althea, were you this spoiled?”

“Whose fault do you think this is?”

“Un?”

“Who’s the one who told me to teach that girl?”

“It’s me, but... you’re the Great Sage Althea who knows every kind of knowledge. You’re just right for the role right?”

“I’m Althea, just, Althea”

Oh! What a nostalgic line.

Althea who said that looked up at me with a glare.

“I’m already tired of being the Great Sage. I’m fine with just Althea”

She said and snuggled up to me even more.

She looked like she’s sulking, but I think that she’s just spoiling herself.

“You hate it that much?”

“I hate it”

It was an instant answer.

“Sorry about that then”

“...it’s fine. In exchange, just let me be just Althea right now”

“Yeah, you’re just a woman”

When I said that, Althea obviously improved her mood.

Is she saying that she really wants to become just a simple woman?

When I was making Althea fall asleep, this time, I felt Nana’s breathing changed.

“She regained consciousness huh”—the instant I saw that, my spirit “met” with hers.

Our spirit met with each other.

It’s a similar feeling having an eye contact.

There’s no change in our body, but we can understand that both of us has noticed each other.

I expressed that as “my spirit met with hers”.

Within my harem, it’s a feeling that I only have with Nana.

While stroking Althea’s hair while she embraced me while sleeping, I asked Nana.

“Sorry for the trouble. Was is difficult educating Selene who’s a complete beginner?”

“It is Aruji’s command, there’s no problem”

Nana answered without any hesitation.

As she said, it feels like she doesn’t think that my order is troublesome at all.

“I see. I want to know your impression then. Honestly, how’s Selene?”

“She has talent”

“He~?”

That was unexpected.

Nana doesn't lie to me, nor express something with rhetorical phrases.

If I asked her, she would honestly speak what's on her mind.

That's why I was surprised.

Since Nana says so, there's no doubt that Selene has the talent.

"If it's only with her potential, I think that she exceeds Nikki"

"That's amazing. If it's above Nikki's... how is she compared to Io?"

"There's the possibility that she could exceed her with individual fights, although it is due to the difference between a swordsman and a magician. However, she would be incomparable to her as an adventurer. She lacks the ability to grasp the situation and cope with it instantaneously but she would be excellent as a single soldier"

"That's no good as a princess though"

The person in question thinks of becoming Prime Minister Princess and make the kingdom more prosperous though.

" ... "

Nana closed her mouth.

She would answer to anything if she were asked, but it's Nana who won't say anything if she wasn't.

It's because she thinks that my order is everything.

She would do anything if she were ordered, but nothing if she wasn't.

Well, whatever. That's something that I should think of.

I thought so, and gestured Nana to come.

She approached, crawling on top of the bed.

Although she's above a soft bed in a decently good room, that bed did not sink nor shake.

As if she floated or slid, she came to my side.

"What was that right now?"

"I learned it so not to wake up those who received Aruji's love. It is not good to throw cold water to the happiness they received from Aruji"

"That's why you learned it?"

"That's amazing", I thought.

And at the same time, I thought "what a good woman".

Nana who learned an amazing skill like this only to not get in the way of the woman that I embraced was really a good woman.

"I'll reward you. Take it"

"Ha!"

Until I kissed and wrestled her, Nana completely moved without making the bed shake.

There are many kinds of women around me.

There are many kinds, each of them different, and each of them good in their own way.

They changed from the time we met and most of them continues to grow.

I wonder what kind of woman Selene would become.

I got curious about that—and looked forward to it.

CHAPTER 175

A STUBBORN GIRL (SIDE SELENE)

In Malonei, in Delfina Merchant Company.

Selene is swinging a sword in the courtyard.

The style Nana taught her, one that is suitable against another person.

Slash, pierce, sweep.

It is the basics of the basics, but Nana thought of it, so it did not have any flaws.

Selene wholeheartedly repeated it.

And from a distance, Delfina and Iris are looking at her.

Although there is physical distance between the two standing women, it looked like their heart's distance shrunk compared to before.

Compared to before they met Kakeru. The distance they had as a single merchant and a princess had shrunk compared to that time.

Although they cannot call themselves best friends, comrades is the most suitable.

Those two watched Selene training and Delfina slightly narrowed her eyes.

"If eyes are correct"

"Un?"

"Her Highness Selene's movements are frighteningly the same with earlier"

"That's right. Those three very simple forms, she flawlessly repeated them since earlier"

"Is it that easy to do it?"

“No way”

Iris shrugged her shoulders and smiled.

“Although ideal, it’s not something that can be done when you’re told to. It’s the same with writing letters and making all of them look the same”

“It was like that after all”

“Although narrowing the forms had an effect, even more than that... it’s her talent”

Iris was impressed. Her eyes that looked at Selene became hot.

She has yet to notice it herself, but she is putting strength on the hand that was placed to her sword.

Delfina who saw that faintly smiled with the calmness of a bystander and a senior.

“It means that she had the talent with that huh. Both me and Althea-sama are having difficulties though”

“You are teaching accounting, the Great Sage-sama teaches her knowledge, was it”

“That is right. And it is not going well at all. She has a head that would forget something as if to push it away when she’s taught a new thing. Honestly, I do not want to deal with her when it comes to money”

“It’s completely the opposite with the sword huh”

“It means that she does not have the talent with this huh”

Delfina said and Iris silently nodded.

The women within Kakeru’s harem are in good terms.

Everyone taught Selene each of what their good at while exchanging information.

Because of that, they gained a common understanding.

Selene has the talents with the sword, that needed for a single swordsman, but she is

completely useless at anything else.

If she stuffed in knowledge, there would be something missing, and if you make her count numbers, everything is incorrect.

Even if they tried to teach her strategies and tactics as an extension of the sword, she could not understand it at all.

“She has the talent to become a swordsman, but totally useless at anything else”, is the understanding that Kakeru’s women gained.

And that was also something that the person in question started to understand.



In the outskirts of Malonei, in the forest of Ecstas.

In this forest where monsters inhabit, Selene and Iris came with just the two of them.

“Practicing with real battles are needed too”, so Iris accompanied Selene here.

“Haaaa!”

Selene used a longsword to chop a huge lion-like monster into half.

Seeing the fresh blood scattered and the monster that collapsed to the ground, Selene who did it was the one surprised the most.

“This... I did it?”

“You’re quite good”

“Iris... oh, wrong. Iris-sama”

“It’s fine with just Iris. I’ll only get troubled if you act that respectfully to me”

“Eh, but, uhm, they told me diplomatic, courtesy? So... “

“I don’t mind if it’s just the two of us alone. That makes me easier to talk too”

Iris said while smiling and Selene nodded with a smile.

“I’m surprised. This, did I really do it?”

“Who else would it be then?”

“I see... I did this, huh... “

“If you continue to train, you can become a first-class swordsman. I guarantee it”

“Un... “

“What? Are you not happy?”

“U~un, that’s not it, but”

Selene smiled painfully.

“I just thought, I’m still not there yet. Even now, I’m still completely useless, but I felt that the me before was even more useless”

“...“

“I was that useless, but, I flaunted just for being a princess... and that was, a little... “

While saying that, Selene smiled even more sadly.

Although her words were in a mess, Iris understood.

“If this continues, Shou will throw me away someday”

“Shou... Kakeru huh”

Selene nodded.

“If you’re thinking about that, then it should be alright. Kakeru is not that small of a man”

“Not that small, of a man?”

“That’s right. I’ll guarantee it”

“Is that, so... “

Selene shrunk and whispered in a tiny voice.

The Selene right now looks like a different person that would surprise anyone who knows her before if they see her.

A girl who was shocked, distraught, and completely lost her confidence.

That is the Selene right now.

If you were to ask Iris who knows her when they started, no, even before they educated her, her honest comment would be “one would completely change if they really wanted to huh”.

“It’s alright, I can guarantee it. But if you really insist, you should go and ask Kakeru directly. Selene has grown so much. Your skill with the sword is already impressive”

“I see... I wanted to show it to Father, the current me”

“King Aegina... I have heard that he had not gained consciousness for a long time”

“Un. I’m sure that Father was hurting his head because of me before. If I really grew up, I want to show it to him”

“...I see”

“Also, I need to apologize to Abraham. I can understand it right now. I can understand that he wasn’t someone that should’ve been kicked by someone like me. Although he’s a subject, he’s far more amazing as a person compared to me”

“You should just tell him someday. I know, you should just tell that to Kakeru”

“To Shou?”

“Umu. You should tell Kakeru about that. He should gladly help you”

“...un, I’ll do that”

Seeing meek Selene, Iris thought about how she’s completely changed even more.

At the same time, she reconfirmed the size of Kakeru’s caliber.

It’s “that” Princess Selene.

If it were just Iris, she wouldn’t have invested in educating her and just left her to her

business.

However, Kakeru did not do so. She dispatched every woman in his harem to educate her.

It was for sure that it was not just to embrace her, not only to include her in his harem. Even the Selene before was beautiful and lovely enough (although that was all she had), so there was no need to educate her.

However, Kakeru did so.

As a result, Selene is being reborn, her talents have started to bloom.

Iris became more and more infatuated with Kakeru.

“Mu! That’s a signal fire”

Iris narrowed her eyebrows.

A signal fire was raised from Malonei’s direction.

It’s a signal fire to call her if anything happens.

And if one were to ask what kind of the matter needs Iris’s presence immediately, it would be when something about Mercouri’s domestic affairs happened.

She narrowed her eyebrows deeper.

She glanced at Selene. She met her eyes with her.

“Hurry up and go”

“Eh?”

“I don’t know why, but Iris’s face isn’t normal. You must go immediately right?”

“Y-Yeah... That’s true, but”

“Then hurry up and go. I will be okay”

Iris was surprised.

Who is it? Who said that Selene is a woman who only has a talent with the sword?

With her current observational skills, that was not something that is possible for her. Iris thought that their understanding of her must be corrected.

And, she accepted that offer.

“Sorry, I’ll do that”

“Un!”

“This place is dangerous so you must return immediately. Understood?”

“Un”

Iris kicked the ground and rushed.

Only leaving Selene behind.

Left alone, Selene looked around.

Consulting with Kakeru.

That suggestion from Iris was attractive.

Kakeru—Shou.

If she consults with him, then he would do something about it for sure.

Shou’s sword dance that continues to linger in her head, and the Queens, Princesses of other kingdoms, a great merchant that controls the economy, even the legendary Great Sage.

If she consults it with Kakeru who can make all of those people take action, then there is no doubt that anything can be granted to her.

It can be granted to her, but.

Selene felt hesitant to talk to him.

Recoil.

The repercussions of when she was still spoiled. It made her more cowardly than needed.

Coward enough that even though she was advised to do it, she still hesitates on consulting Kakeru.

Selene thought deeply, whether she should or not.

After taking a long time thinking, she made an answer.

“I should defeat a monster again. If I can defeat another one. If I can defeat it myself, I’ll go and consult with him”

Doing something after being able to complete something, it was not an unusual way of thinking. She only arrived at that conclusion.

The problem was, it’s a place where Iris called “dangerous”.

Selene searched around inside that “dangerous” forest.

“I’ll defeat another monster, and consult with Shou”

While walking, she strengthened her determination, and walked around the forest.

Finally, she encountered a similar huge lion beast like the one earlier.

A monster that looks almost the same. That made Selene determined to stand up against it.

“Calm down, calm down, Selene. You were able to do it earlier. You should be able to do it again this time”

Thinking of that, Selene took the first attack and swung down her sword.

Her judgment was not wrong. It's a monster that she had defeated once, she should be able to deal with it calmly.

She did not let her guard down, nor grew arrogant.

She only tried to do what she could.

In that meaning, there is no doubt that Selene has grown up.

The problem was, she only has the talent with the sword.

She was taught that there are individual differences even they are the same kind of monster, but she was unable to remember it. She did not have enough experience to sense that individual differences as well.

And lastly... the monster she had encountered almost have the strongest strength even in the same species.

“Kyaaaaa!”

The slash that she perfectly learned through training did not have an effect on the huge lion beast.

It was blocked by its fur that was harder than steel and she was sent flying by its front paw.

She was blown away, her body was thrown to the ground, bouncing many times.

Soil entered inside her mouth and mixed with her blood, making her feel an indescribable taste.

Selene stood up while staggering.

She blanked out.

Why? And what should I do?

Selene panicked.

Her head was unable to catch up on the unexpected event.

The lion monster continued to attack.

It swung down its front paw and tried to crush her with its big jaws which were big enough to swallow her whole.

She instinctively blocked using her sword, but that sword snapped, and scattered around into pieces.

The confusion reached its peak.

“Why?” was completely changed, and only “what should I do” remained.

What should I do? What should I do? What should I do?

The nature that she was born with surfaced.

Normally, Selene is someone who hates losing, a strong-tempered woman.

That connected to her being spoiled, and connected right now with the results of her training.

And, fight bravely even with a disadvantageous situation—it connected to that worst of choices.

Selene stood up. She raised her broken sword that not even half remained.



The monster attacked. She watched that carefully, dodged, and stabbed.

It was a near-perfect attack. She evaded the huge lion beast and released a sharp slash that gouged its body.

...Regrettably, her sword was broken.

The monster was almost not injured and swept its front paw forward.

Selene was sent flying.

She bounced on the ground many times—but this time, she could not stand up.

She struggled, using her hands and elbows, desperately tried to stand up.

“Gaha!”

She spat out blood. Her hand slipped on the ground she fell face first.

But even so, she did not give up.

“I’ll defeat it... and obtain the... qualifications... to consult, with... Shou...”

With that in mind, she desperately tried to get on her feet.

It was misfortune piling up at one another.

Iris’s sudden withdrawal, a similar monster but the strongest, and her stubbornness that made her enter a blind alley.

Such misfortunes overlapped to each other, making her fall into her worst crisis.

The monster pounced towards her.

The world turned to slow motion.

About her father, about her brother, about herself.

Everything that happened from her birth flashed in her head.

A revolving lantern.

She was unable to understand that. She simply looked at her lifetime flash in front of her blankly.

(Shou... I will! I will become a woman worthy of Shou!)

Even at the end, she did not change her thoughts.

I'll do better, I'll become a woman who's worthy of Shou.

I'll defeat this monster and obtain the qualifications to consult with Shou.

She was stubborn and hated losing, she was like that even at the end.

She was unlucky. Misfortune visited her one next to the other, creating this situation.

The monster's jaw was right in front of her. The time started to move.

"Shou!"

She shouted. She shouted with closed eyes.

The instant she understood her death, she called Kakeru's name.

The great luck that would clear every misfortune, it was already within her hand.

Death did not come. Nothing happened no matter how long she waited.

Selene slowly opened her eyes.

There was the monster right in front of her.

It ceased activity with its mouth opened.

A dark Demon Sword pierced its brain, nailing it to the ground.

And, a moment after that Demon Sword.

“...Shou?”

CHAPTER 176

KAKERU BEHIND THE SCENES

Eleanor pierced that lion-like monster and nailed it to the ground.

[Enough already! Stop throwing and throwing me! But if you do would, at least do it with full strength]

“If I throw you with full strength, the whole area around here would be destroyed”

[I’m saying that do it that far if you want to throw me]

“I’ll take you later to Orycuto’s valley”

[Kukuku, that guy’s also unlucky every time]

I could feel Eleanor’s pleasant emotions flowing to my head.

I ignored her for the meantime and looked at Selene.

She looked stunned while looking up at me.

Her whole body was in tatters. It looks like she got done by that lion-like monster.

“Are you alright?”

“...”

“Selene?”

She didn’t react so I called her again.

When I did that, she returned to herself and turned her face away from me in a hurry.

“I-I’m okay—!”

She showed obvious stubbornness, but that didn’t last till the end.

She narrowed her eyebrows and groaned.

It looks like she's quite hurt.

I reached out my hand to the side and opened my Different Dimension Warehouse.
I took out one Magic Ball (White) that I always carry and used it on Selene.

The healing light enveloped Selene and her injuries were healed in an instant.
The effects of the magic ball are absolute, but I asked her to be sure.

"Are you alright?"

"I-I was okay from the start"

"I see"

"But I'll say thanks, just in case"

"I see"

[You, you're grinning]

Mu! It showed in my face?

Selene looked so cute recently.

Not to mention that obvious way of showing her stubbornness, she's honest although she's being obstinate so she looks so cute.

Just like right now, she's too cute that it shows in my face just like Eleanor pointed out.

"Rather than that, you were deeper from the place I heard from Iris. Did you get lost?"

"T-There's no way that I would get lost"

"Then why are you this deep in the forest?"

"That is... uhm... "

Selene desperately searched for an excuse.

Probably, or rather, her reply from the start was an excuse for sure.

“I-I was out for a walk. The weather’s good so I went out for a walk”

As expected, it was an excuse that was easy to tell.

Selene who claims that looked cute so I thought it was fine.

“Well then, let’s go back now. You’re finished with your walk right?”

“ ... ”

“Selene?”

“I’ll stay just for a bit more”

Selene said stubbornly.

I don’t know why she wants to stay here, but it feels like she won’t move away from here at all.

“I got it. For the meantime, take this”

I opened my Different Dimension Warehouse, took out a spare sword, and gave it to her.

I have Eleanor and Hikari so I don’t need them, but I’m carrying spares for my women.
I gave Selene just that.

Selene took it. While making a complicated face.

I took out the Warp Feather and warped.

I warped on top of a tree tens of meters ahead.

It’s enough distance for me to be able to observe Selene.

And what I saw there was Selene’s appearance letting out a voice while reaching out to the place where I was.

[She looks like she regrets it. If she only became honest]

“That doesn’t seem to be the case”

[Mu? Hou... her expression changed to a resolute one. What did she decide to do?]

“She’s saying... ”I’ll defeat one this time, and obtain the qualification to ask Shou”“

I picked up Selene’s murmur with my 777x hearing.

[How adorable. It means that she wants to achieve something to ask something from you huh]

“That seems to be the case”

[You’re grinning again]

“No one’s around so it’s fine right?”

[I am here]

“It’s fine with you”

[Kuku, I see, it’s fine huh]

Eleanor whispered.

Selene started to move.

She gripped the spare sword that I gave her and continued to walk.

“Since she says “this time”, she wants to defeat that lion-like monster huh”

[That should be it? If it’s the current her, she should be able to, well, defeat a weak one. Though I don’t know what would happen if she meets a strong one again]

[I see]

“What are you planning?”

“...let’s thin them out”

[Thin them out?]

“I should go ahead of her and remove those ones stronger than Selene. I’ll leave those that she’s able to defeat”

[Isn't it just better to weaken it and release it to her?]

"If I do that, then she won't be convinced. I'll send an unwounded, weak one right at her"

[Really, are you overprotective or not]

Eleanor said.

I don't know if I'm being overprotective, but I'm only letting my woman do what she wants to do.

Because I know that in that instant they achieved something, they would look amazing.

I went ahead with Eleanor.

I erased about a third of those lion-like monsters.

CHAPTER 177

IT'S BECAUSE I CAN'T LEAVE HER ALONE

In Malonei, in Delfina Merchant Company.

I looked at the courtyard through the window while relaxing in the room.

Selene is wholeheartedly swinging her sword there.

Unlike when she had just started, her form turned into a decent one.

No, it's not just limited to that.

Although she's too faithful to her forms, her swordsmanship is quite sharp.

If it's just individual strength, she's equal to platoon captains of my slave soldiers—she should be equal against Nikki or Neora.

To think that she had this much talent with the sword.

[She had talent with this huh. Although they say that she's completely useless with politics or strategy and tactics]

"It's enough with just that"

[And then? What are you going to do?]

"With what?"

[That girl, she looks like she's about to tell you something soon]

It's just like Eleanor had said.

After we returned from that forest, Selene had a determined face.

Resolute, but also looks like she's carefully looking at me.

When she sees me, she would take a deep breath or place a hand on her chest, as if she has something to say.

And that slowly got stronger and stronger. She should exceed her limits like “Eiiyaa!” tonight and tell me.

I haven’t predicted what she would tell me.

I’m only planning on hearing her out and grant it to her adequately.

It’s to embrace Selene later on.

Actually, I realized it a while ago, but it might be my first time.

The first time I would make love to a woman I liked after making her a “good woman”.

All of the women I had in my harem up until now, they were all good women from the start, and became a better woman after I made love to them.

“After raising a bad girl to a good woman”—it might be the first time with Selene.

I got excited about that.

I got excited in a way I haven’t for a while.

[As a result, there’s no difference with them being a good woman]

“That might be true, or that might not be true”

[Well of course]

“That’s why, I’m excited”

[What a hobby.]

Eleanor talked like that, but she’s also looking forward to it.

I could feel those emotions from her.



The sun has set and my room was knocked.

“Shou... are you there?”

The name that only she uses to call me.

As expected, Selene came.

When I answered “I’m here”, the door was slowly opened, and Selene timidly entered the room.

“I have something to tell you... is it okay?”

“Yeah”

“Uhm... “

Selene came in front of me and started to fidget.

It’s as if she wants to say it, but don’t know where to start.

She looked like she’s unable to take the final step forward.

That’s why, I decided to push her back.

“Lend courage to Selene”

【Courage will be lent to Selene Mi Aegina. Time Remaining: 59 minutes 59 seconds】

The first prize from the lottery, lends abilities for an hour.

It was not like I changed something with Selene, I only lent it to her to push her back.

She looked confused for an instant with the activation notification, but her expressions immediately changed.

It changed to a dignified face, unique to those resolute people.

“Shou”

“Un?”

“I’m, too useless. I’m too useless other than my swordsmanship”

“I see”

“But, I can’t stay like that. If I continued to be useless, I wouldn’t be able to improve Father’s kingdom, Aegina. Shou, what do you think should I do?”

Selene whose courage was amplified, talked all at once, telling me her thoughts. She asked for advice on top of admitting her own weakness.

Those words that were unimaginable if it was Selene in the past, if it was the spoiled princess, made me surprised.

“You want to restore Aegina Kingdom?”

“U~un, it’s not that, I need to make it much better”

“Make it better?”

“Un. I need to make it better”

“That’s quite greedy. I investigated about many things. Although it was in a mess because of Kimon, the current king’s just rule made Aegina reach its greatest period of prosperity. You don’t only want to restore that, but make it much better?”

“Un”

Selene nodded clearly.

She had no hesitations with that.

“I’m Father’s daughter. Children, they must exceed their parents. Parents give birth to their children, and if the children don’t surpass their parents, there wouldn’t be growth as a living thing. That’s why, I need to succeed Father, and make Father’s kingdom much better!”

“ .. “

I was surprised. That really surprised me.

“...did someone tell you that?”

“Father did. Father was actually like that. That’s why, I need to do that too. For Father’s sake, I thought of becoming Prime Minister Princess to surpass Father, but... “

Selene looked down crestfallen.

I know what happened next to that.

She’s spoiled, one-sidedly made tantrums, and in the end, the Three Lords Regency. She essentially invited revolt.

But to think that within that, there existed such feelings.

[Kukuku, unexpected things often happen]

Indeed.

It looks like I failed to grant her wish.

I thought that I would experience raising a bad girl to a good woman, but it looks like Selene was a good woman from the beginning.

She was only unable to see reality, with her abilities unable to catch up to her ideals, but she always has the potential for being a good woman.

I wanted to take her right now immediately.

[Don’t mess it all up]

“You didn’t need to tell me that.”

“Eh? W-Was it bad to say that?”

It looks like I’m the one who can’t stay calm.

Having a good woman right in front of me, I mistakenly spoke out my exchange with Eleanor.

“No, it’s not that. That one wasn’t meant for you. I said it to this”

“Demon Sword... ?”

“Just don’t mind it. And on top of that. About the advise that you want”

“U-Un!”

Selene approached and stared at me with eyes full of expectations.

She stared at me, waiting impatiently for my answer.

“I think that you’re fine as you are”

“Eh? But”

“Eleanor, tell me someone who can be an example”

[Umu. How about Paulos Aegina?]

“You should follow Paulos Aegina’s example”

I told Selene the name that Eleanor spoke of.

Selene was surprised.

“The Founder Paulos?! No way, I can’t become such a splendid person”

[Kukuku, history is written by the victor after all]

Eleanor pleasantly laughed.

At the same time, many things flowed into my head.

The lifetime of the man called Paulos Aegina.

Eleanor knows it, the truth about that man.

“I see. That’s why the “the child must surpass their parent” way of thinking was passed down in the royal family”

[It stands to reason]

“W-What do you mean?”

“Eleanor said. That man called Paulos, he was useless towards everything, a man that the people around him couldn’t leave alone so they helped him”

“Ehhhhhh?! That’s a lie!”

“Fumu, I’ll show it to you”

I released an aura.

I could probably do it. Eleanor also gave her guarantee.

I enveloped Selene with the aura.

And, she fell down as if a puppet whose strings were cut.

I showed her a dream.

The truth of the Founder, the First King of Aegina, Paulos Aegina.

The story of a man, who, although even more useless than Selene, was able to become a king with the help of the people around him.

While I showed that to her, I stared at Selene.

Selene’s face, who was actually always a good woman.

[Don’t mess it all up]

“I know”

I endured the urge to embrace her immediately.

CHAPTER 178

RETURNED DOUBLE

In Delfina Merchant Company in Malonei, in one of the two drawing rooms.

I am facing with Delfina.

Other than us, there is another woman inside the room. It's Selene.

She's next to Delfina and me.

With an appearance of a sleeping beauty, she is floating in the air while enveloped by a dark aura.

And of course, I'm the one who released that aura and making her float.

"She looks like a princess in captive by a demon king"

"I'm showing her a dream right now. A dream of the truth"

"That means, brainwashing huh. Isn't that the conduct of a demon king after all?"

Delfina casually said with pleasure.

She leaned over while swinging her ample chest and asked me.

"What kind of truth are you showing her?"

"The truth of Paulos, the founding father of Aegina"

"That man who is said to be actually useless?"

"You knew about it?"

From what I heard from Selene, Paulos seems to be treated as a great man, but Eleanor who heard that said "the history is written by the victor" joyously.

Meaning, Paulos should be written in history as a hero class individual.

But Delfina easily said the opposite.

“I am not foolish enough to believe what Aegina have announced by itself. Of course, that is also true with the kingdom that Aegina fought at that time”

“Un?”

“Aegina claims that Paulos is a hero, and Mercouri who was their enemy at that time claims that he is an incompetent who was just lucky. But in Calamba and Siracuza which was neutral at that time, it was written in their history that Paulos was a useless man, but was popular with his surroundings”

“They’re quite different huh, all of them”

“The allies, enemies, and a neutral bystander. The closest to the truth would be... “

“The bystander that had nothing to do with them”

Delfina nodded.

“The history made with the comments of the bystander is the most objective”

“...I’ll keep that in mind”

That sounds quite familiar.

Come to think of it, Eleanor seems to look down at the heroes or overlords that she had been involved with a lot.

I should hear half of her story from now on.

[Don’t worry, I shall tell everyone in the future that you are a Three World (God • Demon • Man) Slaughterer]

“I won’t believe any history that you speak of from now on”

[Kukuku]

“It is good and well that you get along together”

Delfina shrugged her shoulders while rolling her eyes.

After chatting for a while, I added the camouflage effect on the aura enveloping Selene hiding her from Delfina, and got into the main topic after making a situation where it's just the two of us.

"I think that it's about time to start the counteroffensive. How is Aegina, the Three Lords Regency right now?"

"It is starting to stabilize. The Three Lords Regency is original an emergency measure when the royal family cannot administer the government. In the current situation where both the King and the Princess were kidnapped and missing, most of the people are convinced that that was all that they could do"

"I see"

"Adding to that"

Delfina eyed me, she rolled her eyes too.

"Starting with Queen Calamba, for some reason, most of the kingdoms' leaders have declared that they will welcome the Three Lords Regency until the king returns at the same time. For some reason, at the same time"

Delfina repeated the same words twice.

It's that thing that I asked Rica and Helene.

I asked them to strengthen the Three Lords Regency's legitimacy, to make a situation that would be a hurdle for Selene.

What I told Rica and Helene reached Aura, Fiona, and Marie, so all of them did it at once.

"Furthermore, for some reason, there are rumors saying that the main culprit of the kidnapping is actually Princess Selene. That, from a different route used by the three lords"

"He~"

"Because of that, even if Princess Selene denied the Three Lords Regency, the people

would not follow her immediately. For the reason, they have the righteous cause—this is doing it too much”

“Is that so?”

“Well, I am receiving profits so I do not mind though”

“You did? Why? With information again?”

I remembered the time with Siracuza.

That time too, Delfina said that she would gain profits, and sold my information to the barbarian army.

I don’t know much about it, but Delfina looked like she’s in a good mood for a while after that, so she probably earned a lot.

I thought that it might also be the same this time.

“The bed of His Majesty the King. That bed that you brought with you. I gave them that”

“Un? Ahh, come to think of it, I warped with the king’s bed”

“A certain somebody is secretly searching for the whereabouts of His Majesty the King”

“A certain somebody, huh”

“We brought up that bed that fell into a cliff for some reason and gave them “only” that tattered bed. Together with the place where we found it. That guest seemed very happy, giving us so many things as reward”

She feigned that the king was dropped under a cliff huh.

“Although I think of this every time, your obsession with making money is amazing. To think that a single bed would earn so many profits”

“I am not that deeply obsessed. Considered that Kakeru-sama would come to buy me, the amount that I made myself would become simply double after all”

“I see”

I smiled. Delfina also smiled gracefully.

That exchange of casual words was fun.

After doing it once, I returned back to the topic.

“I understand the midst of it. Delfina, I want to ask something of you”

“Please, I’m all ears”

Delfina exaggeratingly sighed with a “yare yare”.

“Give back Malonei to Selene”

“I understood”

Delfina answered instantly.

This woman, she expected it.

While being Aegina’s territory, Malonei is a town that Delfina bought.

It is still nominally Aegina’s, but Delfina has the actual rights to govern it.

With me asking her, plus, the best place for Selene to start her movement.

I guess it can’t be helped that she could guess it.

After that, I “ordered” Delfina many things.

Soldiers, weapons, rations.

I ordered the things necessary for Selene’s counteroffensive from Delfina.

“I have all of them prepared. We only need to decide the date you are going to receive them”

“You’re quite efficient”

“It is profitable after all”

“I see”

“As expected of Delfina”, it’s when I thought of that.

Parii—n!

The glass window to my side was shattered.

That thing that broke through the glass window attacked Delfina.

I casually blocked it with Eleanor.

—but.

“What’s this?”

I couldn’t knock down that thing that came flying. It sucked into Eleanor’s blade.

It sucked into her, changed its shape, and became something pulsating like veins.

The word “corrupt” appeared in my head.

That corruption done by someone continued for a moment, but immediately stopped.

It did not only stopped. It rapidly tilted like a plant and fell off Eleanor’s blade.

[You are ten thousand years early to try and take over me]

Eleanor said joyously.

I see, that kind of attack huh.

“W-What was it?”

“It looks like they caught up with your actions”

I looked out of the window. I saw a man in black clothes.

His whole body is covered in black including his face and only his eyes could be seen. Although that man was glaring at me, his consciousness was pointing towards Delfina.

“My movements?”

[That thing right now was something to control the mind and body of the opponent. Those ones who were hit by them would be manipulated at will. Well, it's a substitute for truth serum]

“You heard her”

“I cannot hear Eleanor's voice... but”

Delfina frustratingly bit her lower lip.

She felt frustrated that her actions backfired.

That man who aimed towards Delfina released his killing intent.

“—!!”

Delfina who was “hit” by it held her breath.

“Oh~ oh~, that's some good killing intent right there—huh!”

I threw Eleanor—at the opposite side where the man wearing black is.

There was another one there. I don't know if it's magic or because of his clothes, that man was hidden in the room's wall like a chameleon.

Eleanor pierced through the man's stomach and nailed him to the wall.

[I told you not to throw me]

“Ku!”

The man in front of me turned around and ran away.

They probably planned on having him take my attention with the other one attacking, but it was easily seen through so he ran away.

But, that's too naive.

“Did you think that I'd let someone who aimed at my woman escape?”

Even if our side was the first one to pick a fight, even if it's our failure.

I reached out my aura hand, pulled out Eleanor, and chased after the man.

Eleanor suggested something interesting along the way, so after I caught up to him, I used my aura double in return, corrupted him, and made him spit out who's the mastermind while destroying his soul.

There wasn't a surprise. Those men were sent by Duke Melina Ve Therios.

CHAPTER 179

INVISIBLE

In my bedroom where the moonlight illuminates, I talked to Delfina while letting lie in my arm.

“If there is anything that could overturn the Three Lords Regency, that would be the existence of King Aegina”

[Although there’s the possibility to overturn it with your strength]

Eleanor said joyously.

I flicked that Eleanor with a finger for not reading the air, and continued to chat with Delfina.

“That is why, they searched for news of the King, while hiding that he was kidnapped from the people. And you pulled up that bed from the bottom of the cliff and handed it over to them. That’s fine, but King Aegina is not only the old man who’s stuck in bed—”

As if to verify the answers, Delfina continued with a pragmatic tone.

“—there is also the legitimacy for Selene Mi Aegina to become Aegina’s Queen”

“For those Dukes, the only thing that they need to beware of is Selene now that the King is dead. Making the legitimacy of the Three Lords Regency last, by making the King nominally recuperating his sickness in the royal palace. And the only existence that could destroy that is Selene. In the case where Selene raised an army and call them rebels, their legitimacy would become imperfect”

“In the case where Selene raises an army, there is a need to gather enough soldiers. The neighboring kingdoms have politically recognized the legitimacy of the Three Lords Regency, and there is completely no sign of soldiers gathering”

“But there is one place where both soldiers and weapons are gathered in one place. And when they investigated it, what a surprise! It was the merchant who found King

Aegina's bed"

I said in a slightly exaggerated manner with a dramatic tone.

"That female fox! She must be hiding something. There's the possibility that she's connected to that brat of a princess. —Ha! I know! The reason she gained Malonei was all for this!!"

Delfina also said with a similar dramatic tone. She's like a villainous noble.

"No, that female fox might be the mastermind?! We should catch her and make her speak—so, they came"

I reviewed the current situation with Delfina.

Most of it were speculations, but it shouldn't be that off the mark.

By the way, I also tortured those guys who attacked using my aura, but they were only clueless small fries ordered to kidnap Delfina "in a state where she could speak".

She frustratingly bit her lower lip.

"This was completely my fault. I should've completely hidden the movements of gathering the soldiers"

"Don't worry about it. It isn't that much of a failure"

"No, it is a huge failure. I have made actions that made me connected to a customer I should hide it from"

"You should just be careful next time"

[Kuku, you are really soft to the bone when it comes to your women]

I flicked Eleanor with a finger.

It's not like I'm soft on them.

If you fail, you should just be careful not to fail in the next time. It's a normal thing.



Leaving Delfina behind, I returned to the drawing room.

Selene was, as usual, floating in the air while enveloped in my aura.

That intruder that hit the wall and the shattered glasses were quickly cleaned off and everything was back to normal, but only Selene had not changed.

She's still enveloped by my camouflage aura so she was left like that without being found by anyone.

[It's about time]

Soon after Eleanor whispered, Selene woke up.

"...Shou?"

"You're awake"

"This place is... I was... "

Selene who just woke up looked around with blank eyes.

And finally, she remembered the situation she was in.

"I talked with Shou... and showed me many things"

"That's right. You understood now Paulos's truth?"

"Was that the truth?"

"How is it?"

[I have only shown what I have seen. If I put into your words, it's a "movie without monologue"]

Since I've become deeply connected to her, there are times when Eleanor would use the words from my previous world.

Having her explain things using my knowledge is very convenient.

Just like she said, it felt like that. What flowed inside of my head before I showed it to Selene felt like a "movie without monologue".

I got convinced and told Selene.

"I showed you exactly what Eleanor has seen"

"...it was exactly how you saw it. Paulos Aegina is just a thug at first and he did not have any abilities. He's weak in fights, and couldn't read letters as well, if I'm correct. He loves widows and failed many times because of that, and have countless failures because he's weak to alcohol"

"Un... "

"But, strangely, he had a strange charm, and as a result of lots of things happening with everyone around him thinking "This guy, really? It can't be helped, so I should give him a hand.", a kingdom was made"

"Un, that seems to be the case"

"He's exactly like you. Especially how you weren't good as a person"

"That's why... I should take Paulos as an example?"

"Yeah"

I nodded.

"I can only swing my sword. I'm completely useless about other things. But I want to do something, so everyone, help me"

I told her while copying her tone, and gently touched her cheek.

“You’re fine just like that”

“...Shou”

“Ahh”

I nodded.

Selene showed a serious face.

She looked straight at me, with the sincerest gaze she ever showed me, with those eyes that seemed to challenge me, she then said.

“Un. I got. That is for the best huh”

[Hou]

Eleanor’s emotions flowed into me.

A little unexpected, but impressed at the same time.

“I’ll do what Shou said. I will ask help from those amazing people who can do the things that I can’t. Not making tantrums like in the past, I will ask them sincerely, and ask for their help”

She did not grow timid nor became desperate.

“I’ll ask someone else’s help for the things I can’t do” that was all.

Her face says that she thinks that that’s for the best and the most suitable.

“Shou, help me”

“Leave it to me”

I nodded and Selene smiled like a blooming flower.

That was the “Colorless Queen” called in later generations.

Without emphasizing her opinion, she would frankly take in her subjects’ good

opinions with “that sounds good, let’s go with that”.

It was the instant the new Selene was born.



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